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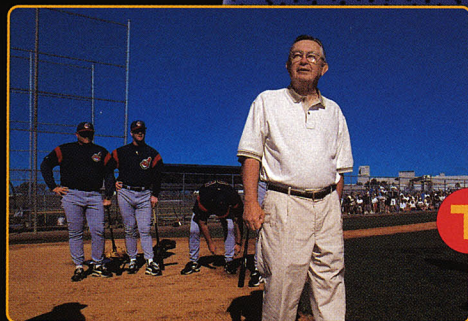


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A LETTER FROM THE OWNER

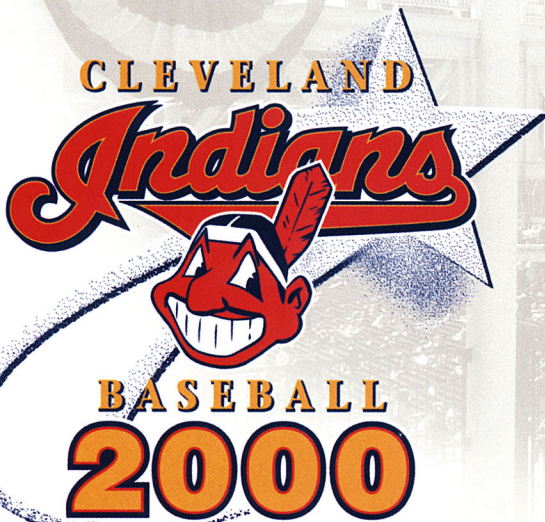
Welcome to Jacobs Field,

home of the Cleveland Indians and Baseball's Best Fans!

It is with great pleasure that I have this first opportunity to talk Indians baseball with you. The Year 2000 promises to be another exciting season of Major League Baseball in Cleveland as we seek our sixth straight American League Central Division title and sixth consecutive appearance in the post season.

My family and I have experienced a lifetime of enjoyment of sports in Cleveland. We believe ownership of the Cleveland Indians is a civic responsibility, and we intend to be accessible.

As we walk the Ballpark and make appearances throughout the community, I look forward to meeting you, getting your input, and gaining an understanding of what makes Indians baseball special for you. Fan satisfaction is our main objective —whether you're sitting in the stands here at Jacobs Field, watching on television, listening on radio, accessing information through our website, or reading the newspaper. Together, we will continue the excitement and success of Indians baseball.



On behalf of the players and the entire front office staff, thank you for your unprecedented support. We look forward to providing you with the very best in sports entertainment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Dolan".

*Lawrence J. Dolan
President and Chief Executive Officer*

After a sporadic playing career of only marginal success in the Major Leagues, Manuel went West. Way West. So far West that it was almost East.

And for a six-year period, starting in 1976, Charlie Manuel was an outfielder for the Yakult Swallows and the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan.

He was more than just an outfielder, though. More than just a hitter. More than just – dare we say? – a Swallow.

Charlie was more than all that. He was, quite simply, huge. Epic. Legendary. Famous beyond his wildest imagination. Seriously. Not just another "hey, aren't you?" quasi-celebrity. In Japan, Charlie was the real deal. Mammoth. We're talking Jordan-like famous.

"I'm not kidding you," says Manuel, recalling a time when giants roamed the earth—or at least parts of Tokyo and Osaka – and he was one of them, "I couldn't walk down the street without people running up along side me and touching me. I'd see myself on television and magazine covers all the time. They'd even have me in comic strips, fighting snakes, and stuff like that. Then I'd come back to the States and nobody knew who I was."

Manuel... "The Man"

Photo: Gregory Drezdson

1978

With 39 HRs, 103 RBI, and a .312 average, Manuel led the Swallows to their first Central League pennant and Japan Series championship, beating Pacific League Hankyu Braves, four games to three. His home run at a key point in Game 7 helped clinch the Series for Yakult. However, Manuel was traded to the Pacific League Kintetsu Buffaloes during the winter of 1978-1979.

1979

Had a mixed season in which he played only 97 games, missing five weeks with a broken jaw he suffered when hit in the face by a pitch thrown by Lotte Orions pitcher Soroku Yagisawa. However, Manuel still managed a league-leading 37 homers and had 94 RBI with a .324 average. He was named the 1979 Pacific League MVP, as the Buffaloes won the Pacific League title but lost the Japan Series to the Hiroshima Carp.

1980

Enjoyed a career year with personal high statistics of 48 home runs, 128 RBI and a .325 average. Led both Japanese leagues in HRs and RBI and set records for most homers and RBI in a season by a foreign player in Japan (later broken by Randy Bass in 1985). Manuel and the Buffaloes took another Pacific League crown, but lost again to Hiroshima in the Japan Series.

1981

After failure to reach contract agreements with Kintetsu, Manuel returned to the Yakult Swallows but, at 37, it appeared age had caught up with him, and he was unable to perform as in 1977-1980. He managed just 12 homers, 38 RBI and a .260 average, then retired to pursue his career as a coach and manager in North America.

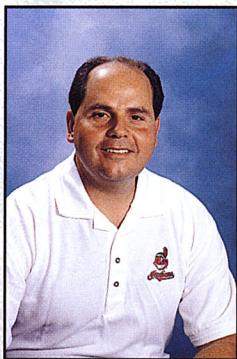
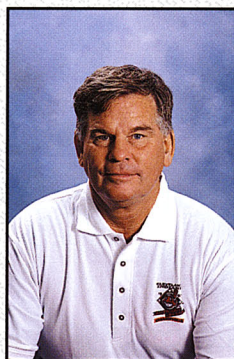
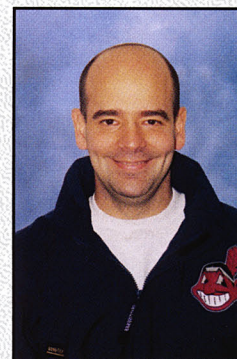
COACHING AND TRAINING STAFF

Dan Williams**43****Age:** 33, born September 3, 1966 in San Gabrielle, CA**Position:** Working Coach/Bullpen Catcher**Bats:** R **Height:** 6-3**Throws:** R **Weight:** 245**MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:**

Williams enters his sixth full season on the Indians Major League coaching staff. Duties include catching starting and relief pitchers in the bullpen, throwing batting practice, and hitting fungoes. Dan also assists Bullpen Coach Luis Isaac in various pregame and postgame duties.



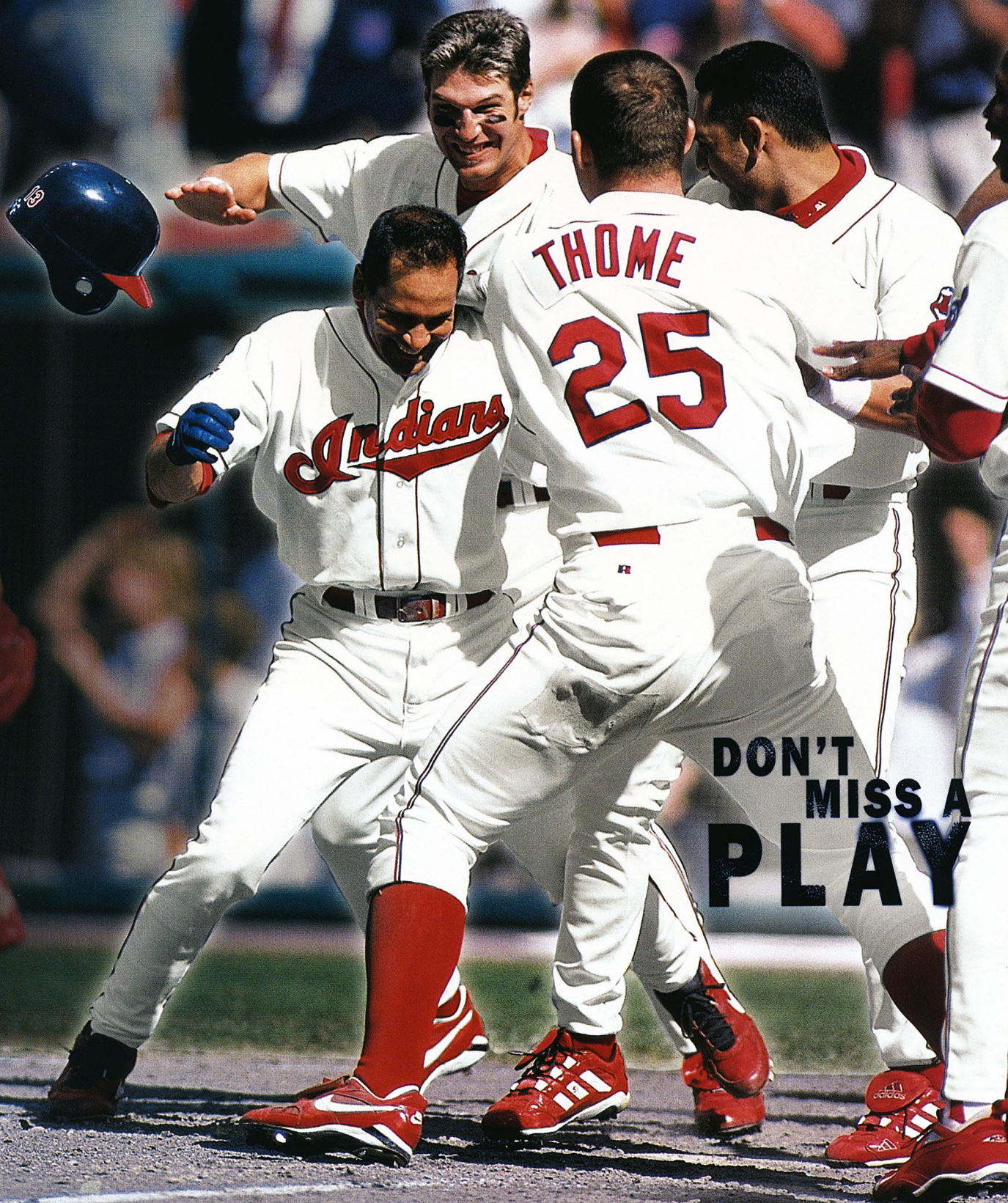
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**Paul Spicuzza**
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Assistant Trainer**Fernando Montes**
**Strength and
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**Director of
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Not pictured: Carlo Alvarez
Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

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Minor League Strength & Conditioning Coordinator

THE PLAYERS



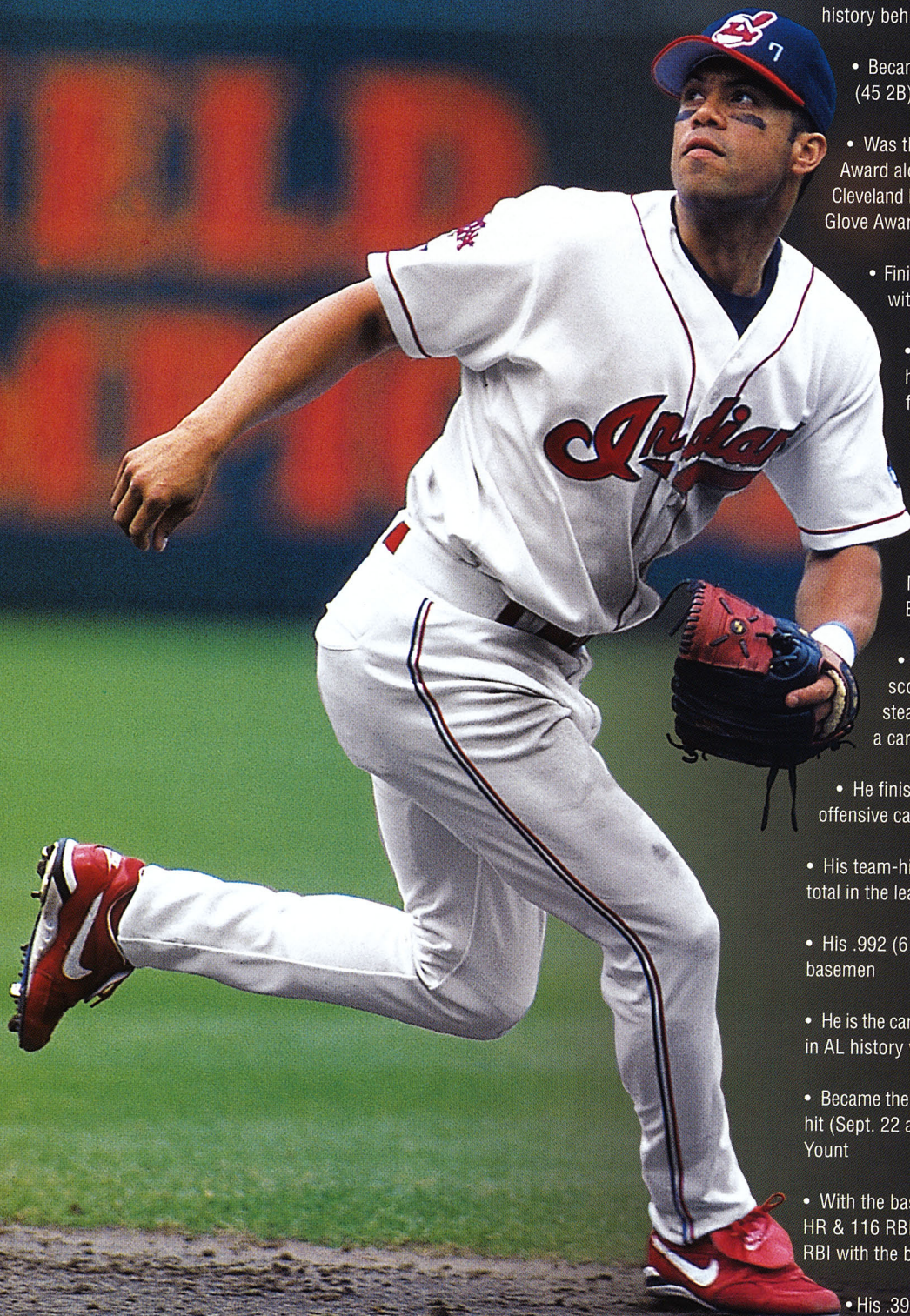
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ROBBIE ALOMAR

INFIELDER



1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- Became the first player in the 99-year history of the Indians franchise to hit 20 HR, score 100 runs, steal 30 bases, and drive in 100 or more runs in the same season

- His 138 runs scored was the 2nd highest mark in club history behind Earl Averill's 140 in 1931

- Became the first Tribe infielder since Lou Boudreau (45 2B) in 1948 to hit 40 doubles in a season

- Was the co-winner of the Indians Man of the Year Award along with Manny Ramirez as voted on by the Cleveland BBWAA and won his 8th career Rawlings Gold Glove Award (2nd straight, T2nd all-time)

- Finished T3rd in the American League MVP voting with Manny Ramirez with 226 points

- Is a 10-time All-Star, the last nine of which he has been voted as a starter in the annual fan balloting

- Set new single-season club records for home runs (24) and RBI (120) by a switch-hitter

- Broke Carlos Baerga's ('93) and Eddie Murray's ('95) SH HR record of 21 and Baerga's 1993 RBI mark of 114

- Overall he led the American League in runs scored (138), finished T4th in the league in steals (37), T7th in on-base % (.422), 8th with a career-best 120 RBI, and 6th with 99 walks

- He finished in the top10 in six American League offensive categories

- His team-high 288 times on base was the 5th highest total in the league and his 2946 pitches seen ranked 1st

- His .992 (6 E, 742 TC) fielding % led all AL second basemen

- He is the career leader in fielding % by a second baseman in AL history with a .9873 % (76 E, 5964 TC)

- Became the youngest player to record his 2000th career hit (Sept. 22 at Detroit off Brian Moehler) since Robin Yount

- With the bases loaded he is a .376 hitter (47-125) w/5 HR & 116 RBI after going 6 for 13 (.462) w/2 HR & 12 RBI with the bags juiced

- His .392 (69-176) average w/RISP was 2nd to Tony Fernandez (.401) in the AL in 1999

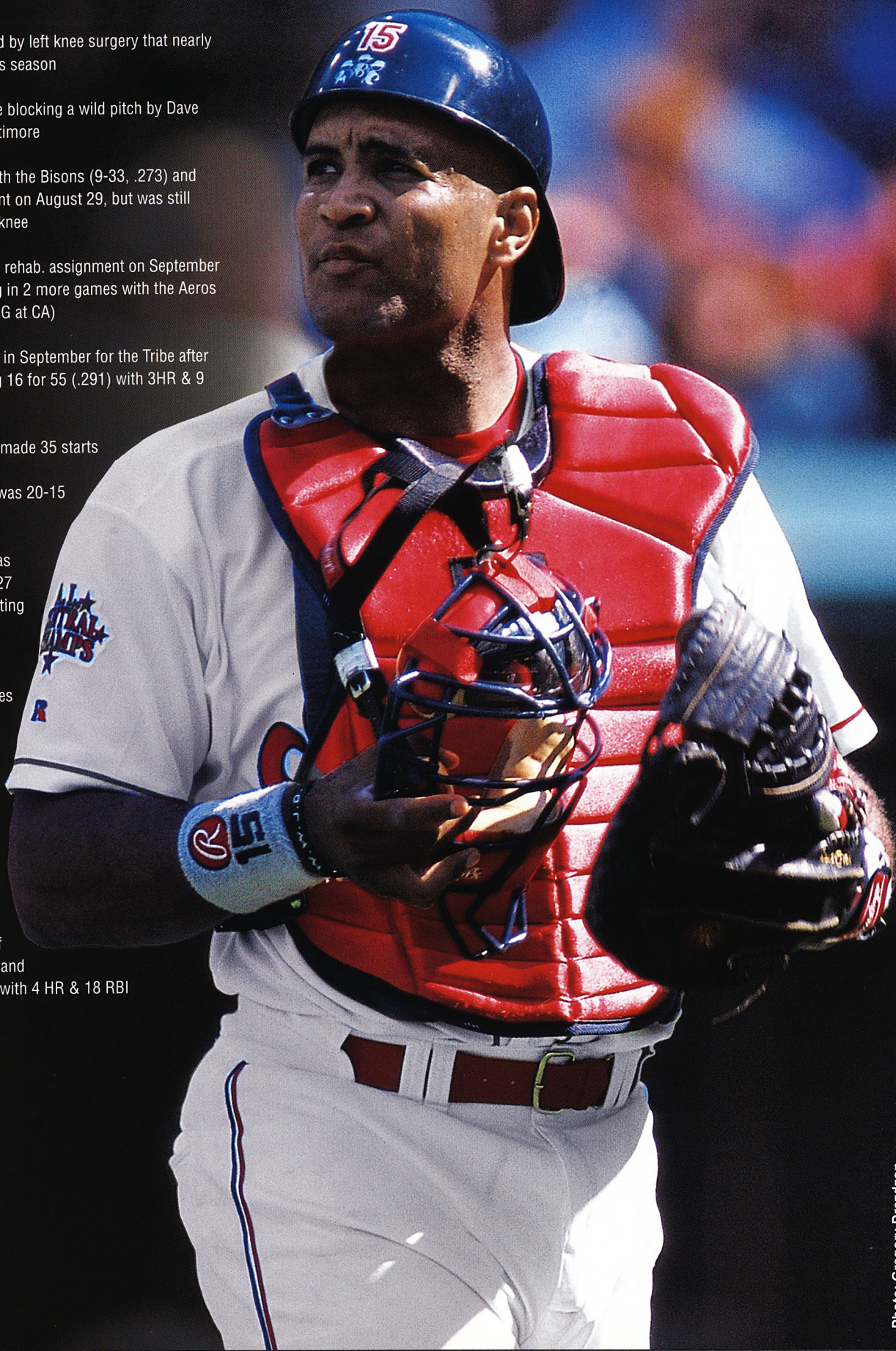
1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

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SANDY ALOMAR

CATCHER

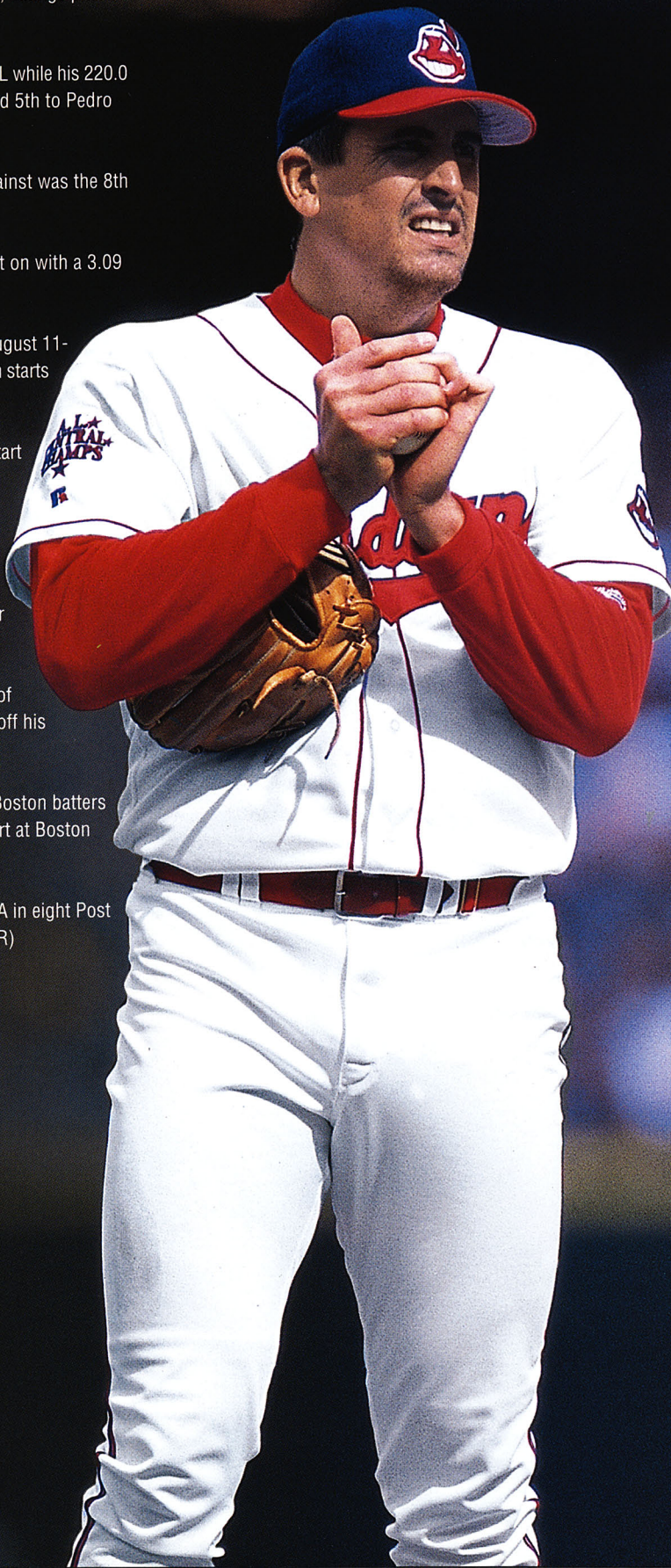
- Season was interrupted by left knee surgery that nearly erased four months of his season
- Originally hurt the knee blocking a wild pitch by Dave Burba on May 10 vs. Baltimore
- Played in 10 games with the Bisons (9-33, .273) and completed the assignment on August 29, but was still experiencing pain in the knee
- Alomar left on his third rehab. assignment on September 3 to AA Akron, appearing in 2 more games with the Aeros (4-9, HR, 2 RBI, 2 RS, 1 G at CA)
- Appeared in 15 games in September for the Tribe after coming off the DL, going 16 for 55 (.291) with 3HR & 9 RBI in 15 starts
- Overall on the year he made 35 starts
- In his starts the Tribe was 20-15 (.571)
- In his career, Sandy has thrown out 208 of the 727 (28.6%) runners attempting to steal off him
- Is currently 4th in franchise history in games caught (855)
- Homered for the first time on 4/14 vs. KC off Don Wengert, marking his first homer since 8/1/98 off Blake Stein at OAK (span of 139 AB between HR)
- He hit .353 (12-34) off LHP with 2 HR & 7 RBI and .291 (30-103) off RHP with 4 HR & 18 RBI



1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

**DAVE BURBA****PITCHER**

- Compiled career bests in wins (tied, 15), innings pitched (220.0), starts (34) and strikeouts (174)
- His 15 wins ranked tied for 10th in the AL while his 220.0 innings ranked 4th and his 174 SO ranked 5th to Pedro Martinez' 313
- His .254 (211-831, 30 HR) average against was the 8th best mark among AL starting pitchers.
- Posted a record of 7-3 from August 1st on with a 3.09 ERA in 12 starts
- Over his 6-game winning streak from August 11-Sept. 11 he was 6-0 w/a 2.42 ERA in seven starts (48.1 IP, 45 H, 13 ER)
- Fanned a career-best 13 batters in his start vs. Toronto on July 21 (ND, 8.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 BB, 13 SO)
- The 13 strikeouts was the most by an Indians pitcher in 1999 and the most ever by an Indian in Jacobs Field's 6-year history
- Recorded his 3rd 10+ strikeout game of 1999 on Sept. 16 vs. New York, the 6th off his career (10 SO)
- Did not allow a run over 4.0 innings (Boston batters were 1 for 12 off him) in his Game 3 start at Boston in the Division Series
- In his career, he is 3-0 with a 2.25 ERA in eight Post Season games (1 GS, 20.0 IP, 13 H, 5 ER)

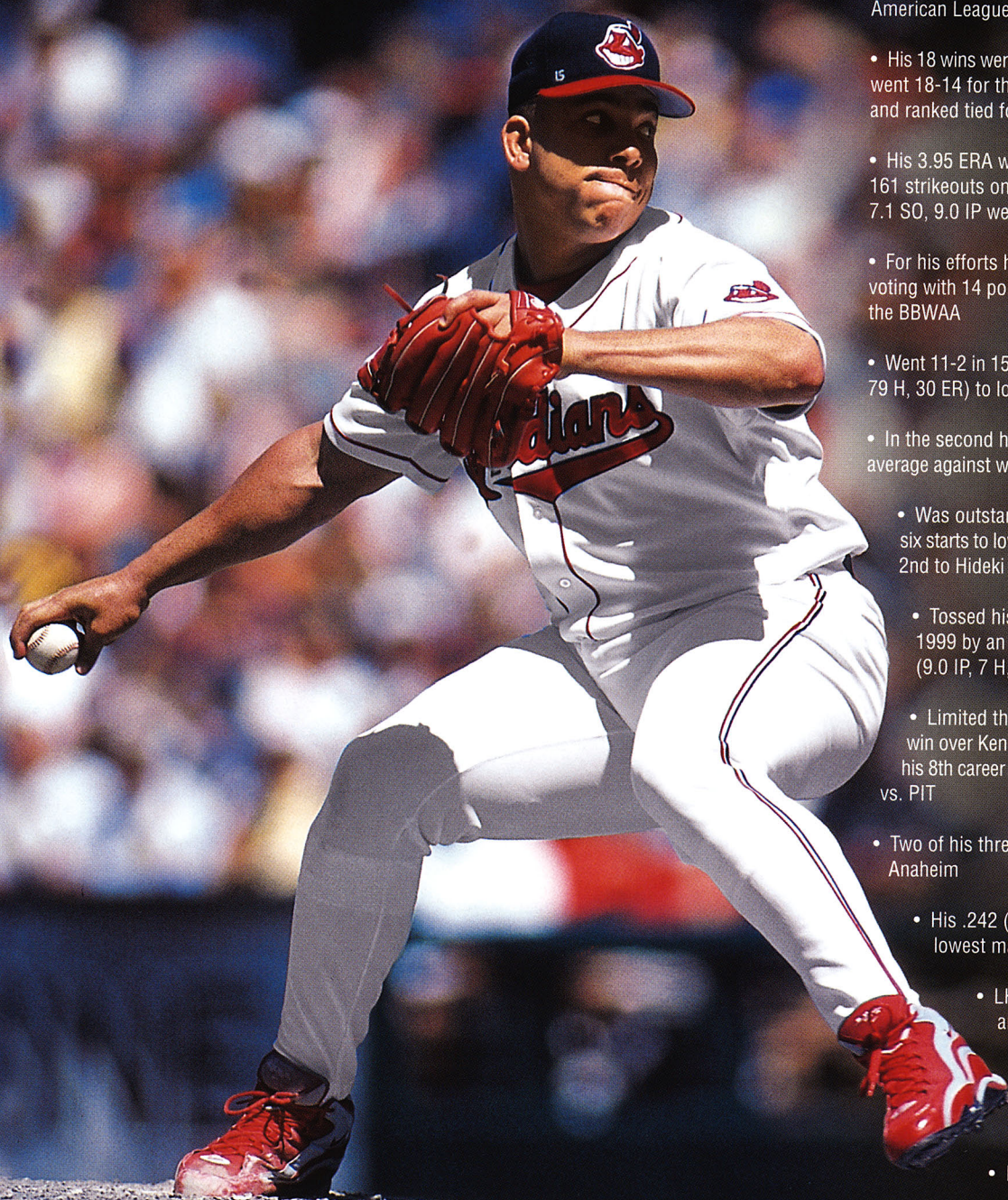


BARTOLO COLON

PITCHER



1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- Was the Tribe's best starting pitcher in 1999, posting a career-best 18 wins and was one of just 7 pitchers in the American League in 1999 to record an ERA under 4.00
- His 18 wins were the most by an Indian since Greg Swindell went 18-14 for the 1988 Indians (most in decade of 90s) and ranked tied for 2nd in the American League
- His 3.95 ERA was the 7th lowest mark in the AL and his 161 strikeouts on the year ranked 11th in the AL and his 7.1 SO, 9.0 IP were T10th highest total among AL hurlers
- For his efforts he placed 4th in the 1999 AL Cy Young voting with 14 points, including three 2nd place votes from the BBWAA
- Went 11-2 in 15 2nd half starts with a 2.60 ERA (104.0 IP, 79 H, 30 ER) to lower his ERA from 5.35 to 3.95
- In the second half he limited batters to a .212 (79-373) average against with just seven homers allowed in 104.0 IP
- Was outstanding in July, going 4-0 w/a 2.36 ERA in six starts to lower his ERA from 5.30 to 4.36 and finished 2nd to Hideki Irabu for AL Pitcher of the Month honors
- Tossed his third career CG Shutout and the first of 1999 by an Indians pitcher in Anaheim on August 9 (9.0 IP, 7 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 5 SO)
- Limited the Angels to just seven singles in the 4-0 win over Ken Hill in his first complete game of the year, his 8th career complete game and first SHO since 6/8/98 vs. PIT
- Two of his three career CG Shutouts have come in Anaheim
- His .242 (185-766) average against was the 4th lowest mark among AL starters
- LH hitters hit .255 (92-361) with 14 HR and RH hitters hit .230 (93-405) with 10 HR, the 4th best mark in the AL
- His 3.78 road ERA was the 6th best ERA in the AL
- Indians were 21-11 (.656) in his starts
- Went into the 6th inning in 28 of his 32 starts and into the 7th in 16 of 32

1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

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JACOB CRUZ

OUTFIELDER

- Did an admirable job filling in for an injury-riddled roster before being sidelined himself for the season in early August after tearing ligaments in his right thumb sliding into second base

- He was 8 for 25 (.320) over his first stay in Cleveland w/3 HR & 10 RBI in 10 games and hit his first homer since 9/14/96 vs. PIT on June 10 vs. Milwaukee

- Was recalled from Cleveland a second and final time on July 6 and moved into the starting lineup against righthanders after injuries decimated the Tribe roster

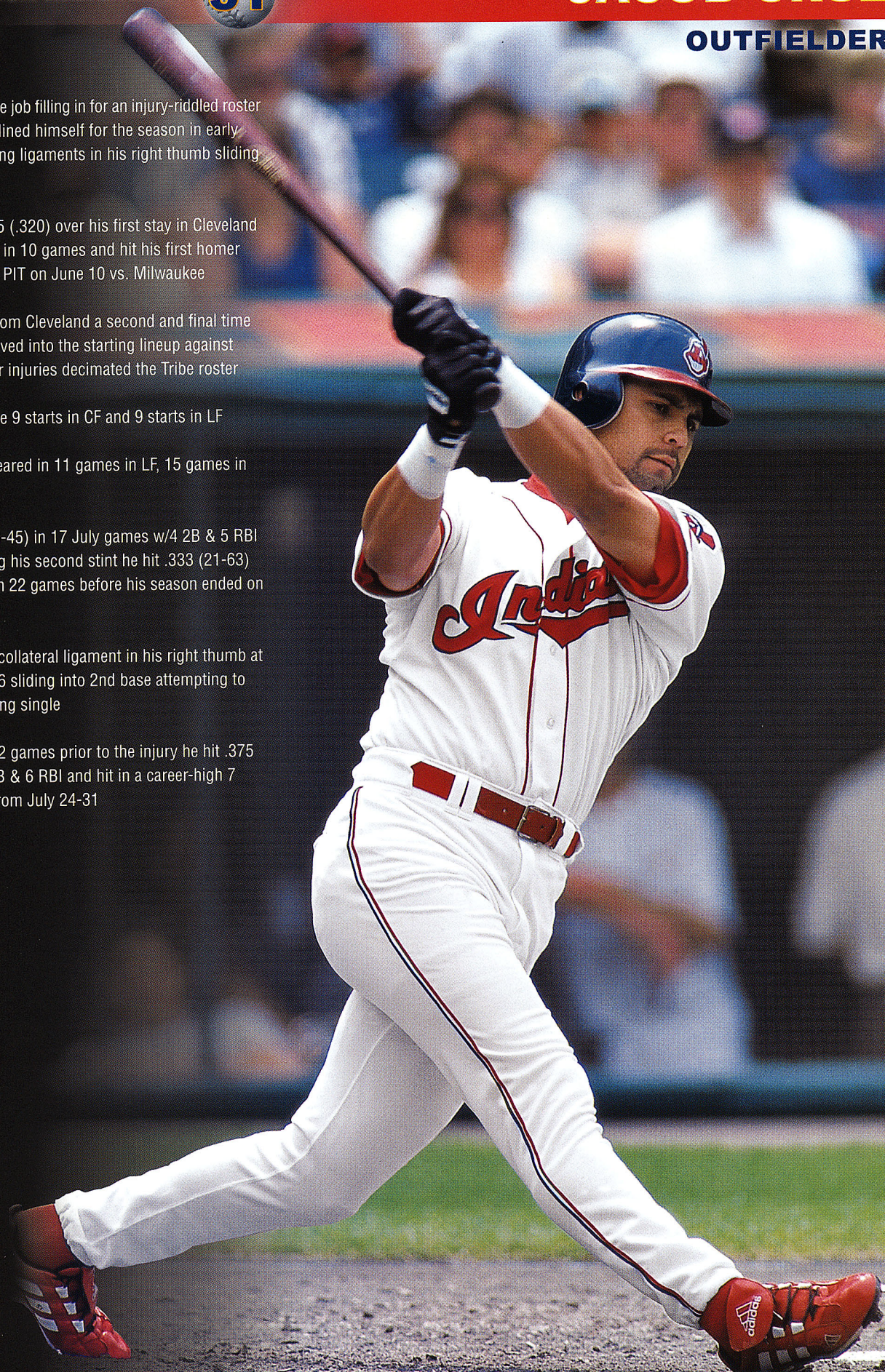
- Overall he made 9 starts in CF and 9 starts in LF

- Overall he appeared in 11 games in LF, 15 games in CF & 2 G in RF

- He hit .400 (18-45) in 17 July games w/4 2B & 5 RBI and overall during his second stint he hit .333 (21-63) w/5 2B & 7 RBI in 22 games before his season ended on August 6

- Tore the ulnar collateral ligament in his right thumb at Tampa Bay on 8/6 sliding into 2nd base attempting to stretch a 7th inning single

- Over his last 12 games prior to the injury he hit .375 (18-48) with 5 2B & 6 RBI and hit in a career-high 7 straight games from July 24-31



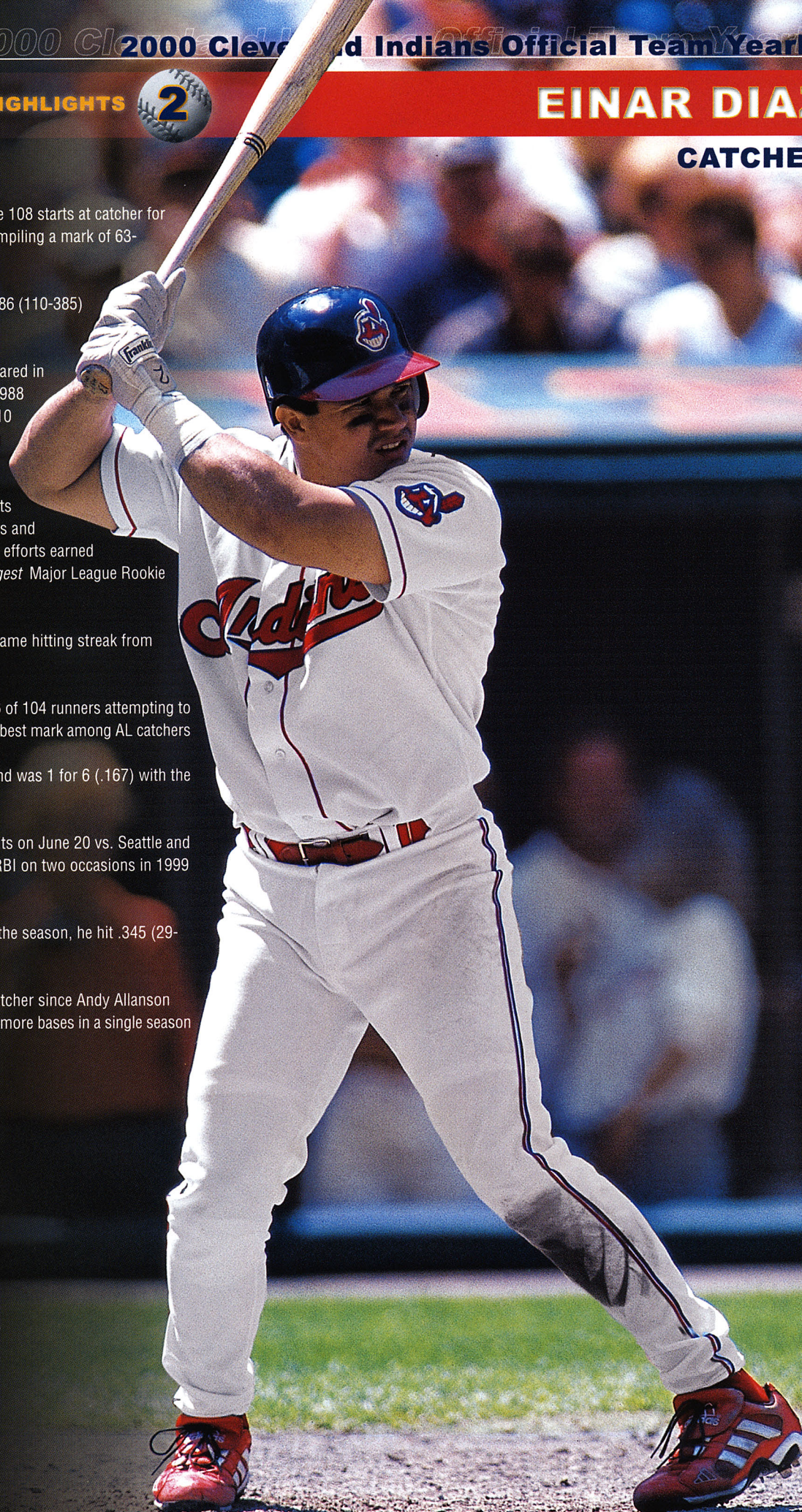
1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



EINAR DIAZ

CATCHER

- Overall on the year he made 108 starts at catcher for the Tribe, with the Indians compiling a mark of 63-45 (.583) in his 108 starts
- Overall in the starts he hit .286 (110-385) with 18 2B, 3 HR & 29 RBI
- Overall on the year he appeared in 119 games at catcher with a .988 fielding percentage (842 TC, 10 E), the 12th best mark among league catchers
- The rookie catcher's 110 hits finished 7th among AL rookies and led all rookie catchers and his efforts earned him a spot on the *Baseball Digest* Major League Rookie All-Star Team
- Compiled a career-best 9-game hitting streak from Sept. 8-25
- On the year he threw out 36 of 104 runners attempting to steal off him (34.6%), the 5th best mark among AL catchers
- Hit .313 (31-99) w/MISP and was 1 for 6 (.167) with the bases loaded
- Collected a career-high 4 hits on June 20 vs. Seattle and equaled his career-high w/3 RBI on two occasions in 1999 (last on 6/20)
- Over his last 24 games on the season, he hit .345 (29-84) with 6 2B, 1 HR & 3 RBI
- Became the first Indians catcher since Andy Allanson (10 SB) in 1986 to steal 10 or more bases in a single season



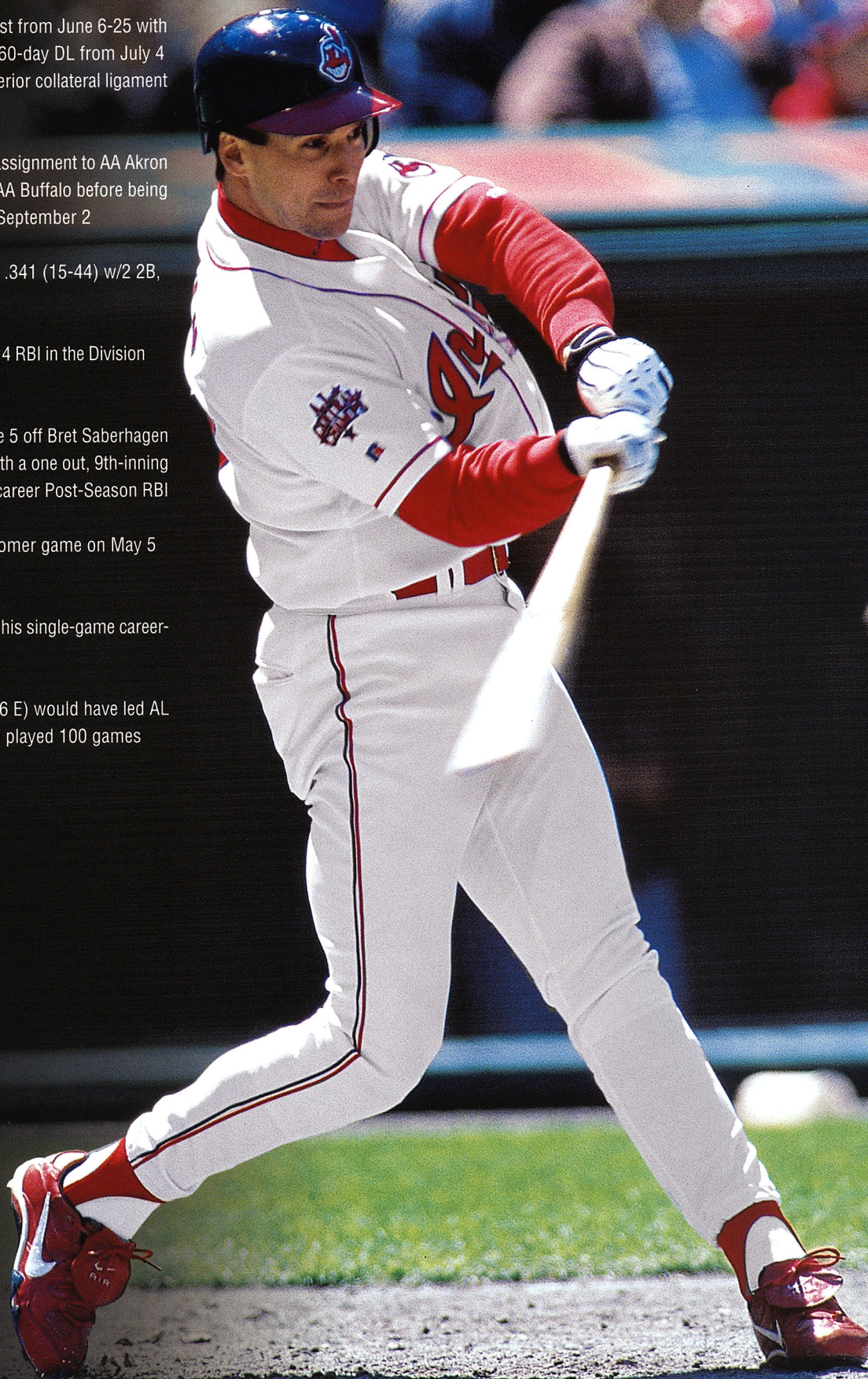
1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



TRAVIS FRYMAN

INFIELDER

- Was on the 15-day disabled list from June 6-25 with lower back spasms and on the 60-day DL from July 4 to September 1 with a torn posterior collateral ligament in his right knee
- Was sent on a 20-day rehab. assignment to AA Akron (3-12, .250, 4G, HR, 4RBI) & AAA Buffalo before being activated off the 60-day DL on September 2
- Over his last 12 games he hit .341 (15-44) w/2 2B, 2 HR & 6 RBI
- Hit .267 (4-15) w/a homer and 4 RBI in the Division Series vs. Boston in five games
- Hit first career homer in Game 5 off Bret Saberhagen and broke a 2-2 tie in Game 1 with a one out, 9th-inning single off Rich Garces, his first career Post-Season RBI
- Enjoyed his 8th career two-homer game on May 5 vs. Seattle
- In the contest he also equaled his single-game career-high with 5 RBI
- His .969 fielding % (146 TC, 6 E) would have led AL third basemen if he would have played 100 games

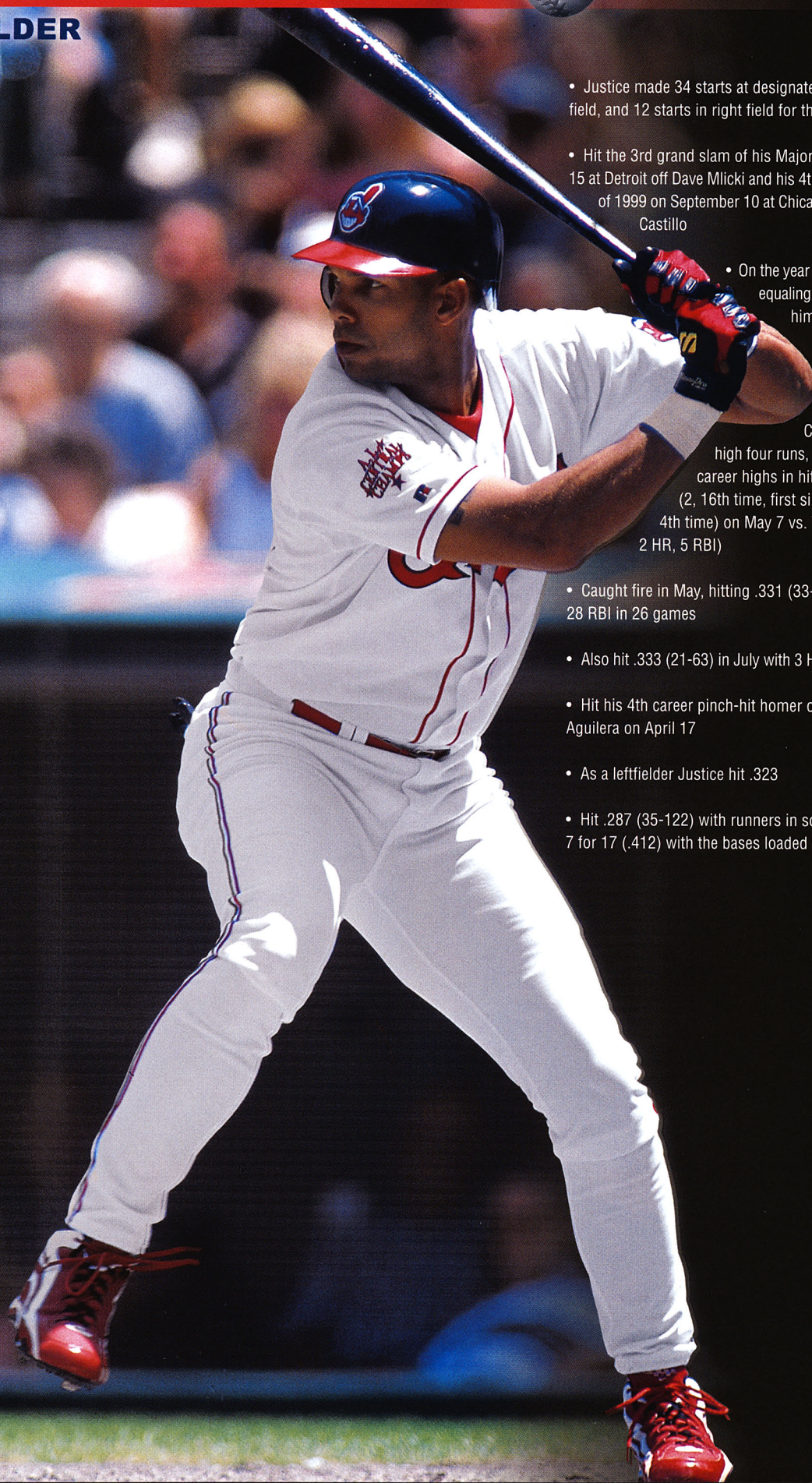


DAVID JUSTICE

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OUTFIELDER



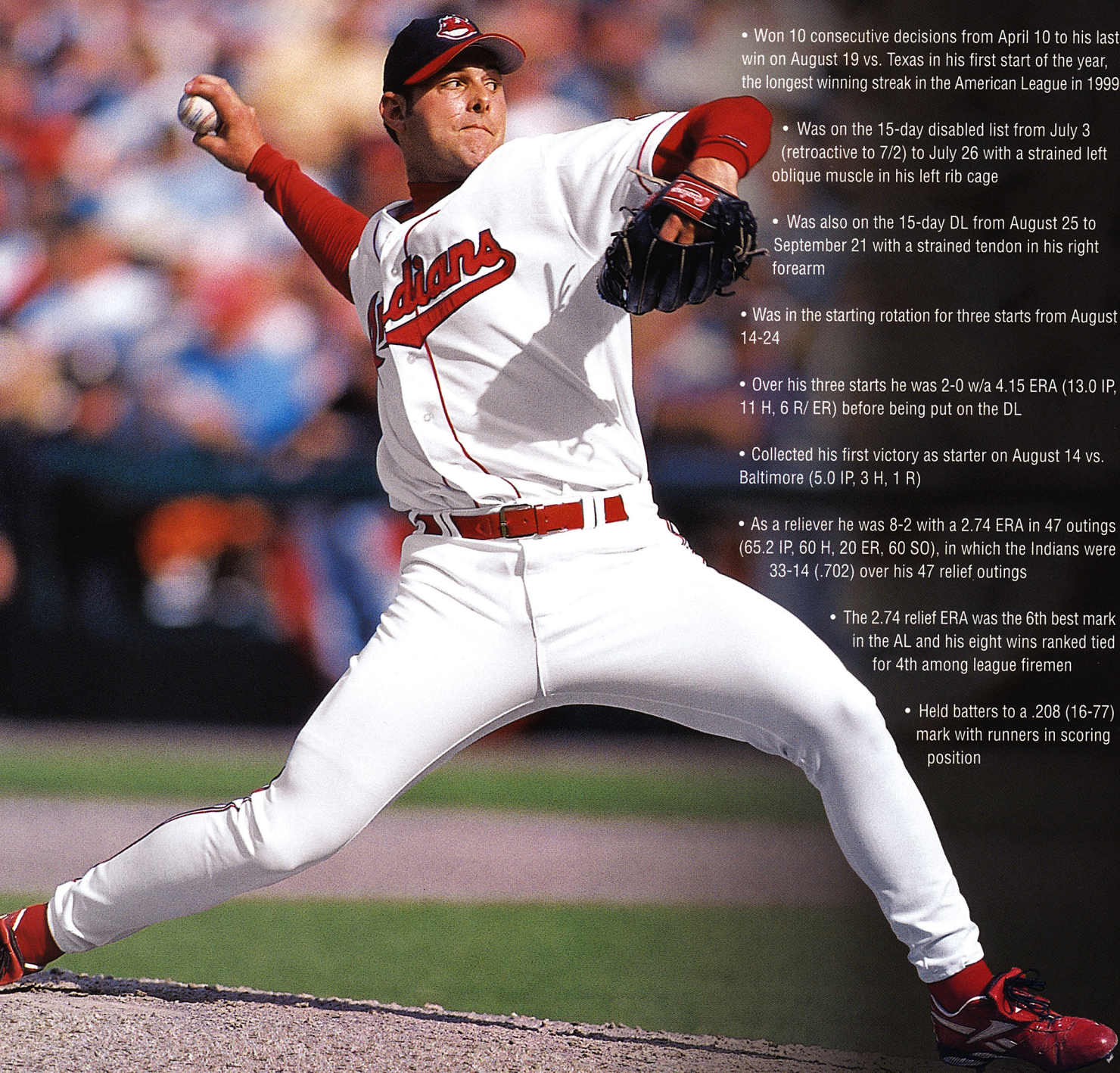
- Justice made 34 starts at designated hitter, 76 starts in left field, and 12 starts in right field for the Tribe
- Hit the 3rd grand slam of his Major League career on May 15 at Detroit off Dave Mlicki and his 4th career slam, his second of 1999 on September 10 at Chicago (White Sox) off Carlos Castillo
- On the year he had three 5-RBI game, equaling his career-high and giving him six for his career
- Had a 5 RBI game on May 15 at Detroit on September 10 at CWS, and scored a career-high four runs, and equalled single-game career highs in hits (4, 9th time), homers (2, 16th time, first since 7/30/98) and RBI (5, 4th time) on May 7 vs. Tampa Bay (4-4, 4 RS, 2 HR, 5 RBI)
- Caught fire in May, hitting .331 (33-97) with 3 2B, 7 HR & 28 RBI in 26 games
- Also hit .333 (21-63) in July with 3 HR & 18 RBI in 19 games
- Hit his 4th career pinch-hit homer off Minnesota's Rick Aguilera on April 17
- As a leftfielder Justice hit .323
- Hit .287 (35-122) with runners in scoring position and was 7 for 17 (.412) with the bases loaded with 2 HR and 18 RBI

STEVE KARSAY

PITCHER



1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- His eight relief wins were the most by Tribe reliever since Julian Tavarez won 10 in '95 and were tied for 4th in the AL
- Won 10 consecutive decisions from April 10 to his last win on August 19 vs. Texas in his first start of the year, the longest winning streak in the American League in 1999
- Was on the 15-day disabled list from July 3 (retroactive to 7/2) to July 26 with a strained left oblique muscle in his left rib cage
- Was also on the 15-day DL from August 25 to September 21 with a strained tendon in his right forearm
- Was in the starting rotation for three starts from August 14-24
- Over his three starts he was 2-0 w/a 4.15 ERA (13.0 IP, 11 H, 6 R/ ER) before being put on the DL
- Collected his first victory as starter on August 14 vs. Baltimore (5.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R)
- As a reliever he was 8-2 with a 2.74 ERA in 47 outings (65.2 IP, 60 H, 20 ER, 60 SO), in which the Indians were 33-14 (.702) over his 47 relief outings
- The 2.74 relief ERA was the 6th best mark in the AL and his eight wins ranked tied for 4th among league firemen
- Held batters to a .208 (16-77) mark with runners in scoring position

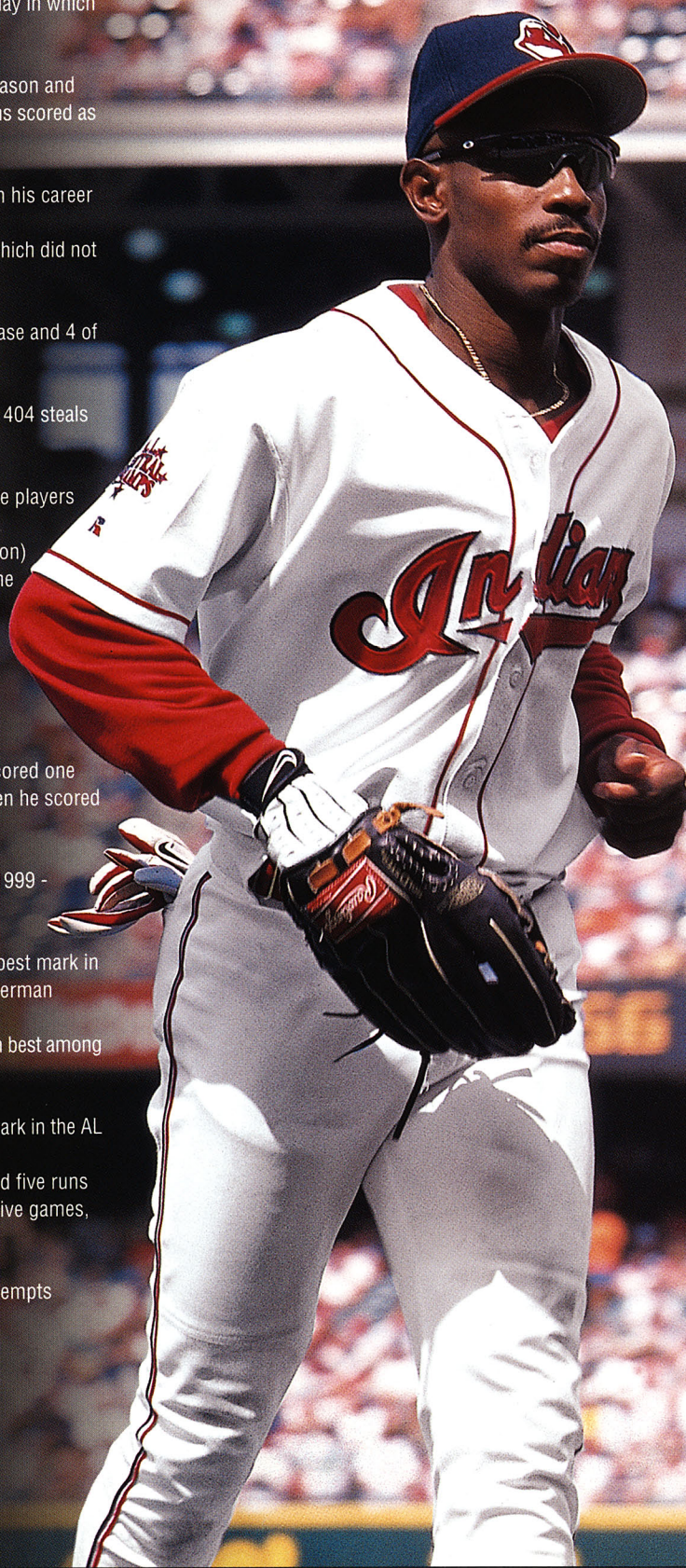
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KENNY LOFTON

OUTFIELDER

- An injured hamstring suffered in late July curtailed his production over the remainder of the season
- Lofton was back to his old form over the first two months, hitting .382 in April, followed by a May in which he hit .303
- Passed Ken Keltner (735 RS) late in the season and now ranks 9th in Indians history with 753 runs scored as an Indian. Hal Trosky is 8th with 758 RS
- Kenny scored 100+ runs for the 5th time in his career
- He had 25 steals in 31 attempts (80.6%), which did not rank in the top10 in the AL
- Was 21 for 26 (81%) in steals of second base and 4 of 5 (80%) in attempts of third base
- Tribe's all-time leader in stolen bases with 404 steals in 490 attempts (82.4%)
- His 433 career steals are fifth among active players
- Elected to his 6th All-Star Team (4th election) in July and had an infield hit and scored in the Midsummer Classic in Boston
- Led off in a game five times with a HR in 1999, giving him 16 career regular season homers to lead off games
- Indians were 40-22 (.645) when Lofton scored one or more runs in a game and 24-7 (.774) when he scored two or more
- 1998 AL assist leader with 19 (had 11 in 1999 - 8th among AL outfielders)
- His .403 leadoff on base % was the third best mark in the AL behind Brady Anderson and Jose Offerman
- His .310 career average is currently the 14th best among active players with 1000 at-bats
- His .330 road average was the sixth best mark in the AL
- Hit .125 with a double, RBI, five walks, and five runs scored in the Division Series vs. Boston in five games, swiping two bases in as many attempts
- Has 22 steals in the Post Season in 25 attempts



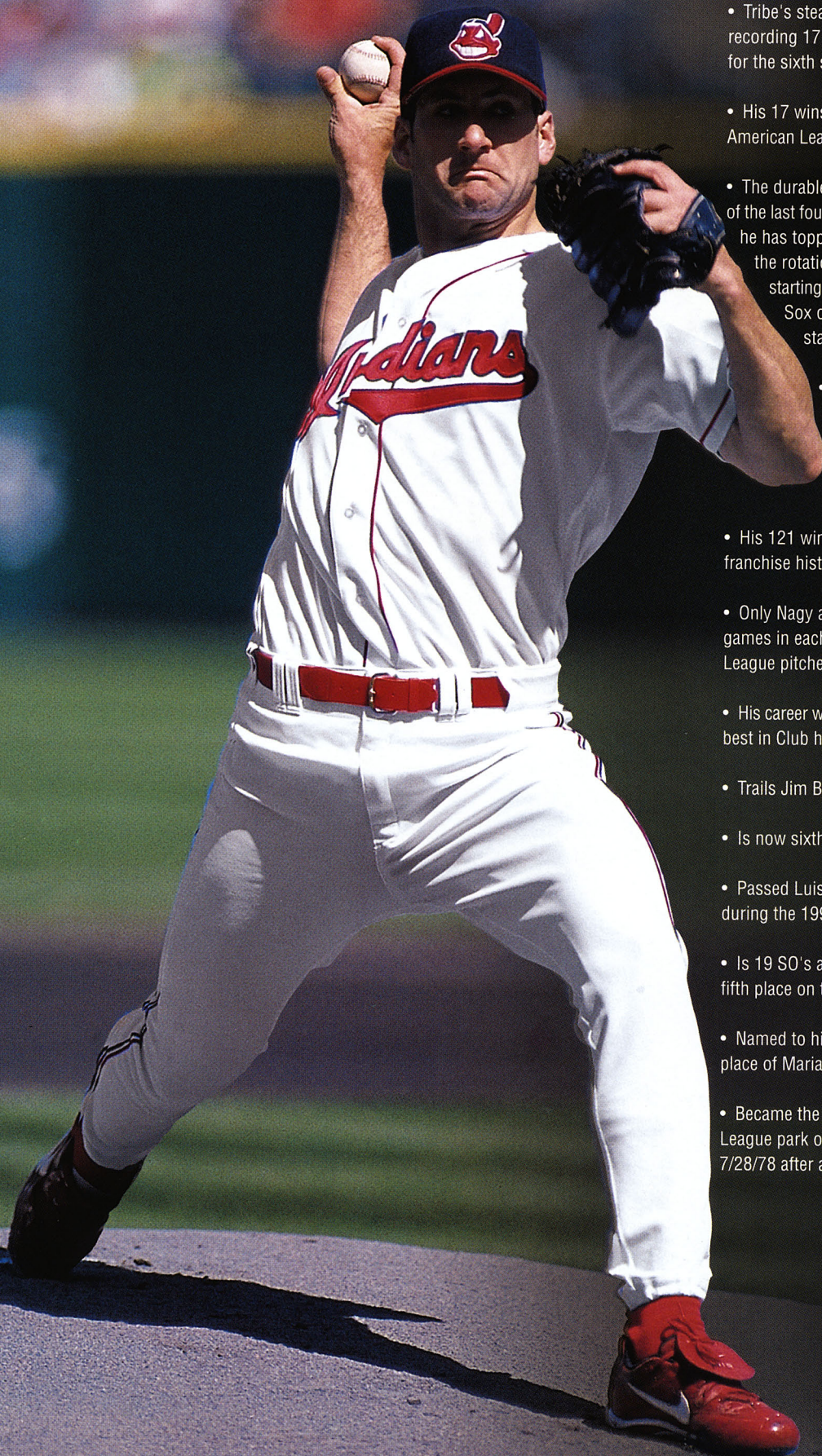
CHARLES NAGY

PITCHER



1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Tribe's steady warrior equaled his career high by recording 17 wins and again took the ball every fifth day for the sixth straight season
- His 17 wins were tied for the fifth highest total in the American League behind Boston RHP Pedro Martinez' 23
- The durable Nagy has pitched 200.0+ innings in each of the last four seasons since 1996 (six times in his career he has topped 200.0 IP) and has pitched his turn in the rotation over the last six-plus seasons since starting the finale at Cleveland Stadium vs. the White Sox on October 3, 1993, a span of 184 straight starts without missing a turn
- Now owns eight career 10+ win seasons, including the last six consecutively
- Is currently sixth among Major League pitchers in wins since the 1994 season with 90
- His 121 wins are the 12th highest total in Indians franchise history
- Only Nagy and Greg Maddux have won 15 or more games in each of the last five seasons among Major League pitchers since the 1995 season
- His career winning percentage of .585 is currently eighth best in Club history among pitchers with 1000.0 IP
- Trails Jim Bagby (.589) for 7th place
- Is now sixth in Club history with 1143 strikeouts
- Passed Luis Tiant, Mike Garcia, and Gary Bell (1104) during the 1999 season
- Is 19 SO's away from passing Mel Harder (1161) into fifth place on the Tribe's strikeout list
- Named to his third AL All-Star team by Joe Torre in place of Mariano Rivera
- Became the first Indians pitcher to bat in an American League park on July 22 vs. Toronto since Jim Kern on 7/28/78 after a lineup card mix-up



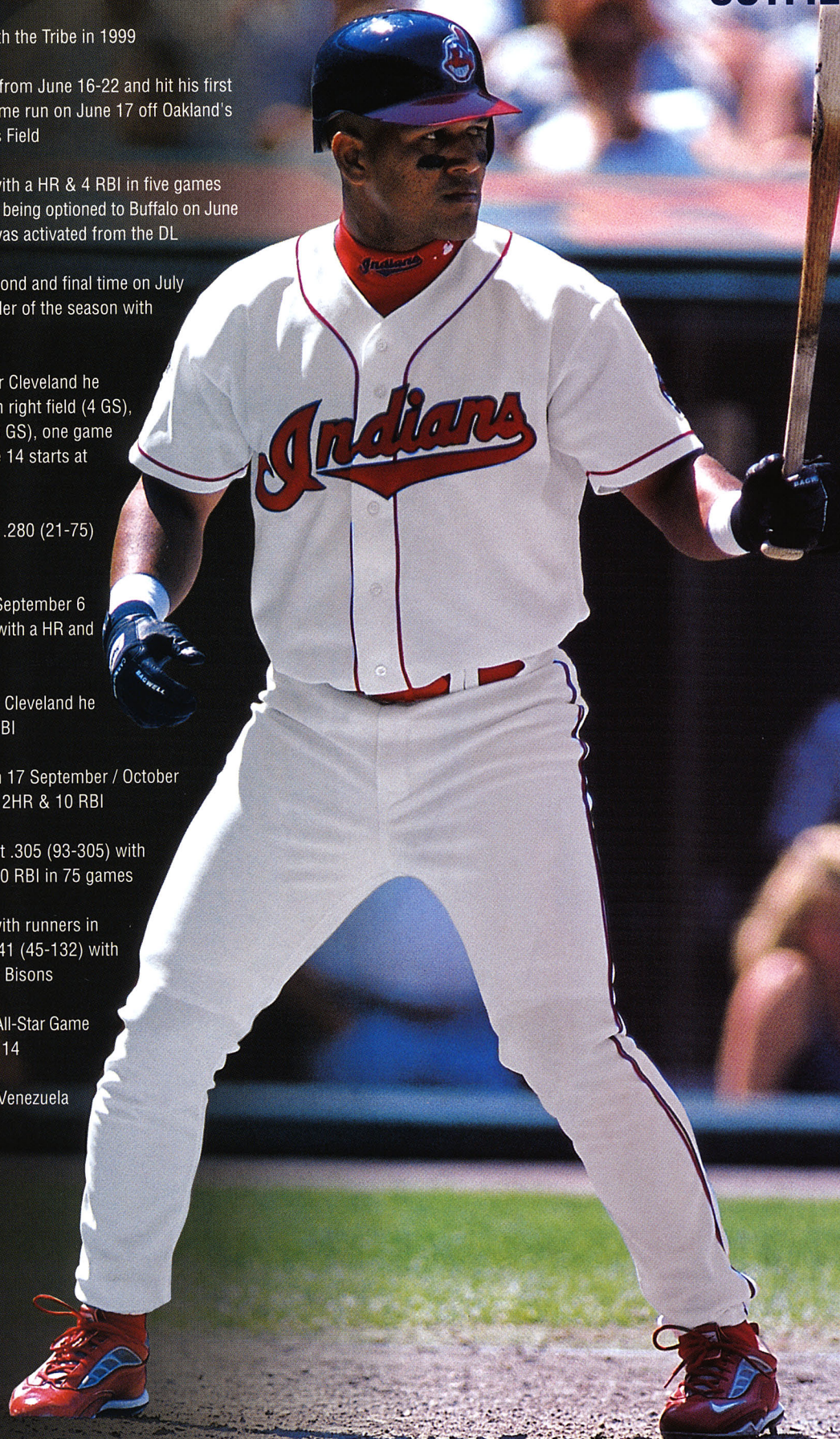
1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

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ALEX RAMIREZ

OUTFIELDER

- Enjoyed two stints with the Tribe in 1999
- Was with the Indians from June 16-22 and hit his first career Major League home run on June 17 off Oakland's Kenny Rogers in Jacobs Field
- Was 4 for 13 (.308) with a HR & 4 RBI in five games over his first stint before being optioned to Buffalo on June 22 when Mark Whiten was activated from the DL
- Was recalled for a second and final time on July 6 and spent the remainder of the season with the Indians
- Overall on the year for Cleveland he appeared in 22 games in right field (4 GS), six games in left field (3 GS), one game in center field and made 14 starts at designated hitter
- In his 21 starts he hit .280 (21-75) with 2 HR & 14 RBI
- Had a career day on September 6 at Baltimore, going 2-4 with a HR and a career-high 5 RBI
- As a pinch-hitter with Cleveland he was 3-8 (.375) with 1 RBI
- He hit .462 (12-26) in 17 September / October games with 2 2B, 1 3B, 2HR & 10 RBI
- With the Bisons he hit .305 (93-305) with 20 2B, 2 3B, 12 HR & 50 RBI in 75 games
- He hit .325 (27-83) with runners in scoring position and .341 (45-132) with runners on base for the Bisons
- Played in the Triple A All-Star Game in New Orleans on July 14
- Played winter ball in Venezuela after the season

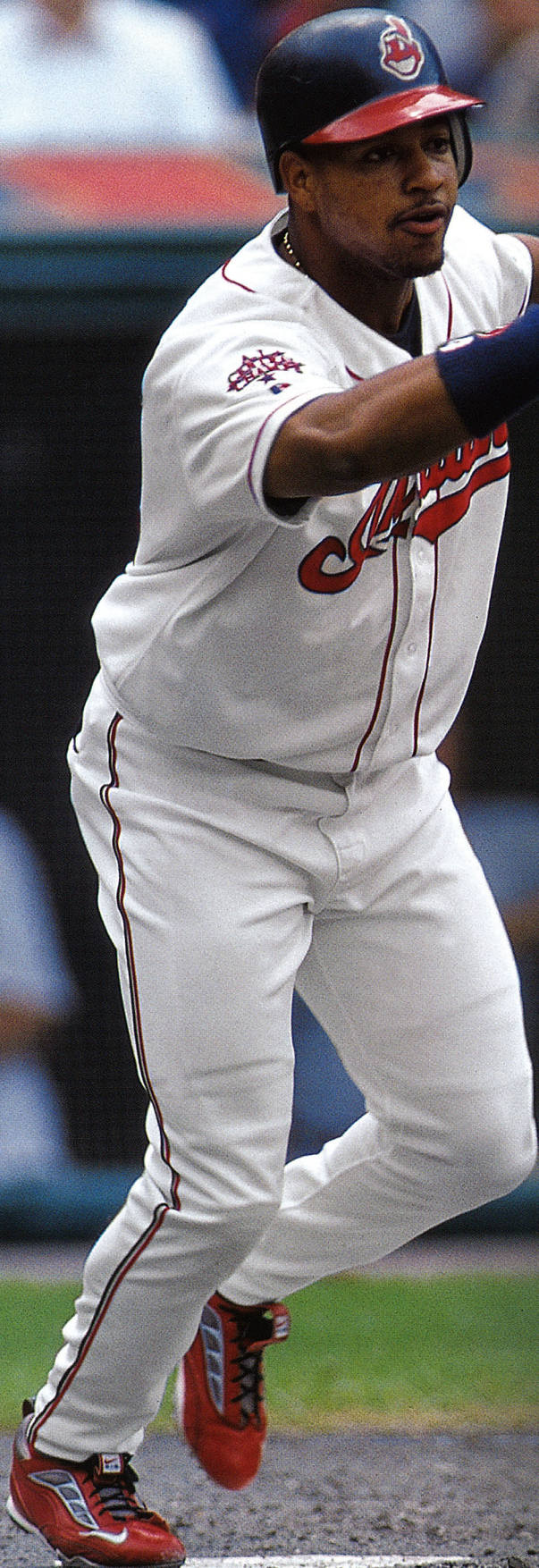


MANNY RAMIREZ

OUTFIELDER



1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- On the year, Ramirez became the first Major League player in over 60 years to top the 160 RBI mark and set a new club record for RBI (165) in a single-season
- His 44 homers rank as the 4th highest total in the Tribe's 99-year franchise history and he now has 89 over the last two seasons and 198 for his career
- Was the co-winner of the Indians Man of the Year Award along with Roberto Alomar as voted on by the Cleveland BBWAA and was named the American League's Most Outstanding Player as voted on by members of the MLBPA
- Became the first Major League player since Jimmie Foxx in 1938 to top the 160 mark, collecting RBI #160 in game #156 at Toronto on Sept. 26
- Broke the franchise record for RBI in a single season on Sept. 30 vs. Toronto with a 3-run HR off rookie LHP John Bale to give him 164 RBI
- Broke Hal Trosky's then club record of 162 RBI in 1936
- His club record 165 RBI are the most in the Majors since Jimmie Foxx's 175 in 1938 & rank T12th all-time for the most RBI in a single-season (165) since 1901
- Became the first Indians player ever to record consecutive seasons of 130 RBI or more and his combined 310 RBI in 1998 & '99 are the highest two-year total in franchise history
- His ratio of 1.12 RBI per game is T10th all-time with Babe Ruth (1931) & Hank Greenberg (1935) & is the highest ratio since Foxx' 1.17 in 1938
- He ranked in the top 10 in nine (9) American League offensive categories, including: RBI, slugging percentage, on base percentage, batting average, homers, total bases, runs, walks, and extra base hits
- His .377 mark with runners on base was the highest mark in the AL and his .386 mark w/RISP was the 3rd highest mark in the AL as was his .383 average off LHP
- His 198 career homers as an Indian rank 6th in franchise history
- Had his second career 3-HR game on August 25 at Oakland
- Owns 10 career grand slams and has surpassed Al Rosen for the all-time franchise leader
- Only Ramirez and Jimmie Foxx have hit 9 career grand slams before the age of 27 in MLB history
- His .576 career slugging percentage is second among active players to Mark McGwire (.587) with 1000 or more career at-bats

1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



STEVE REED

PITCHER

- Got off to a fast start, posting a combined record of 1-0 with a 1.93 ERA over the first two months of the season (20 G, 18.2 IP, 17 H, 4 ER) before being weakened by a strep infection in late May in his left elbow and did not pitch from May 23-31
- Posted a mark of 0-0 with a 2.84 ERA in 11 August appearances (12.2 IP, 11 H, 4 ER) before being sidelined from September 8-19 due to tendinitis in his right elbow
- Indians were 32-31 (.508) over his 63 outings
- 43 of his 63 outings were scoreless
- His third and final win of the year came on June 29 vs. Minnesota
- Held hitters to a .216 (8-37) average against with runners in scoring position and two outs
- Overall he retired 63.5% of his first batters faced (40 of 63, 17-55, .309)

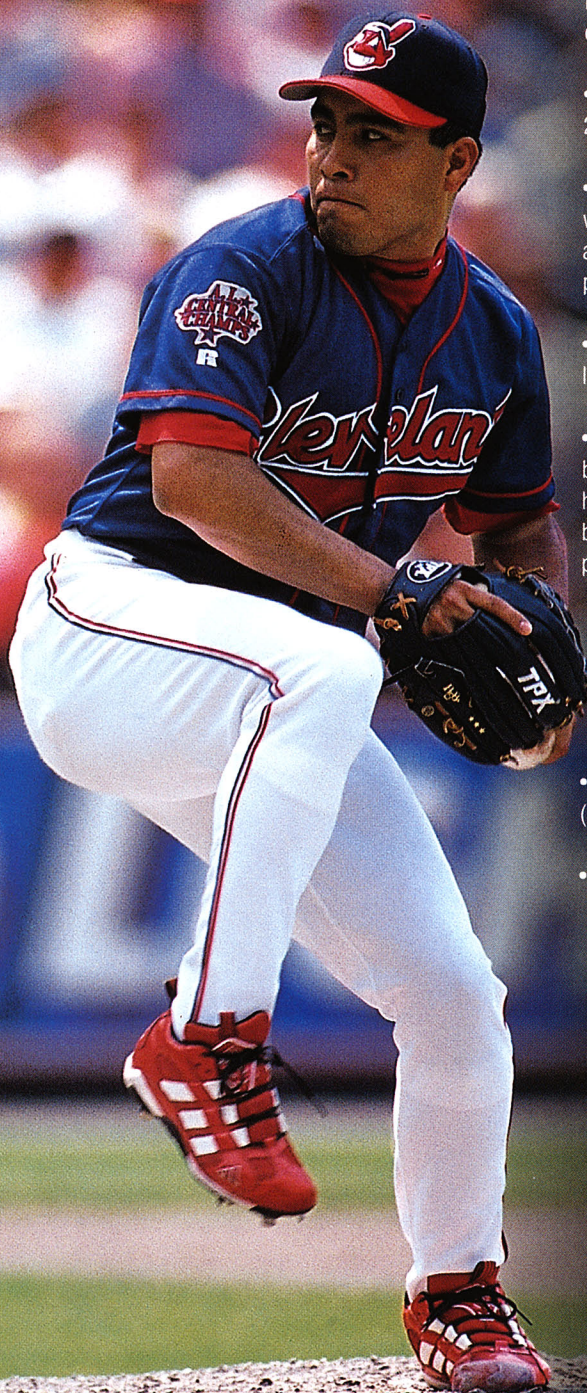


RICARDO RINCON

PITCHER

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1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- Despite not allowing a run over his first 17 appearances through June 15 (10.1 IP, 6 H, 0 R), Rincon owned a record of 2-3 with a 5.58 ERA through 43 appearances on August 18 (30.2 IP, 29 H, 19 ER)
- Over his last 16 appearances of the season from August 21 through the end of year he went 0-0 with a 1.93 ERA
- His inherited runner percentage of 11.9 (5 of 42 scored) was the lowest mark among all Major League relievers and his .182 (10-55) mark with runners in scoring position was the 9th lowest mark among AL relievers
- Was on the 15-day disabled list with tendinitis in his left elbow from April 11 to May 14
- Over his three-year Major League career left-handed batters own a .197 (47-238, 5 HR) against off him and he owns a career average against of .188 (31-165) vs. both left and right-handed hitters with men in scoring position
- 44 of his 59 outings were scoreless
- Overall on the year Major League hitters hit .248 (41-165) off him with 6 HR
- Lefties hit .233 (17-73) with 3 HR and righties hit .261 (24-92) with 3 HR
- He retired 40 of 63 (63.5%) of his first batters faced

1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



RICHIE SEXSON

INFIELDER / OUTFIELDER

- Drove in a career-best 116 runs, which placed him T12th among American League hitters and was second among all second year Major League players with 116 RBI

- His RBI ratio of 4.1 per at-bat was T3rd among all AL hitters as he drove in 116 runs with 122 hits

- Overall on the season he made 115 starts, compiling an average of .258 in those starts with 29 HR & 98 RBI

- Made 21 starts at designated hitter, 53 starts at first base, 40 starts in left field, and one start in right field

- Appeared in 61 games at first, 48 games in left and 4 games in right field

- Hit his second career grand slam (off Bryan Ward) and drove in a career-high five runs on May 19 at Chicago (AL)

- Equaled his career best with 5 RBI on August 31 vs. Anaheim, including a go-ahead 3-run HR off Troy Percival in the 14-12 win

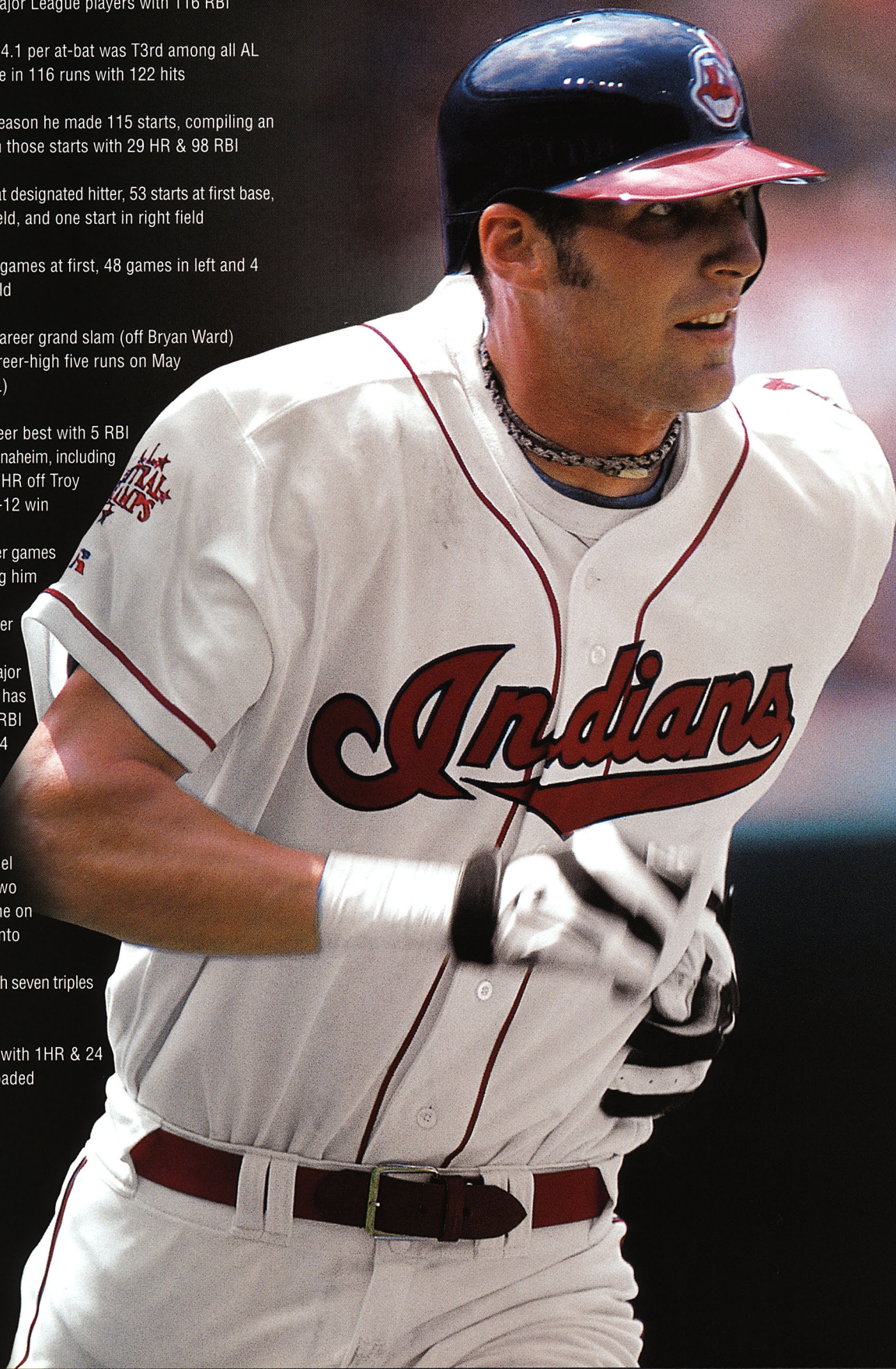
- Had two 2-homer games this season, giving him three two-homer games for his career

- Over his brief Major League career he has hit 42 HR w/151 RBI in 188 games (664 at-bats)

- Became first Indians player since Omar Vizquel on 5/7/98 to hit two triples in one game on Sept. 30 vs. Toronto

- Led the team with seven triples (T9th in the AL)

- Hit .346 (9-26) with 1HR & 24 RBI with bases loaded



PAUL SHUEY

PITCHER

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1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- Finished the year T7th among AL relievers in appearances with 72
- Recorded career-highs in appearances (72), wins (8), innings (81.2), and strikeouts (103) in his most consistent regular season to date
- The last time an Indians reliever fanned over 100 batters was Sid Monge (108 SO) in 1979
- His .223 (68-305) relief average against was the 9th lowest mark among AL relievers
- Finished T1st on the club with eight relief wins with Steve Karsay
- Was also T8th among league relievers with 19 holds
- Was the Tribe's best reliever of the 2nd half, going 3-1 with a 2.87 ERA in 32 games and limiting hitters to a .179 (24-134) average against
- 53 off his 72 outings were scoreless
- Indians were 47-25 (.653) over his 72 relief outings
- Struck out 51 batters over his last 35.2 IP and on the year he fanned 11.4 per 9.0 IP
- Retired 72.2% of the first batters faced (52 of 72)
- Won his first career Post-Season game after his 3-2 win over Boston in Game 1 of the Division Series

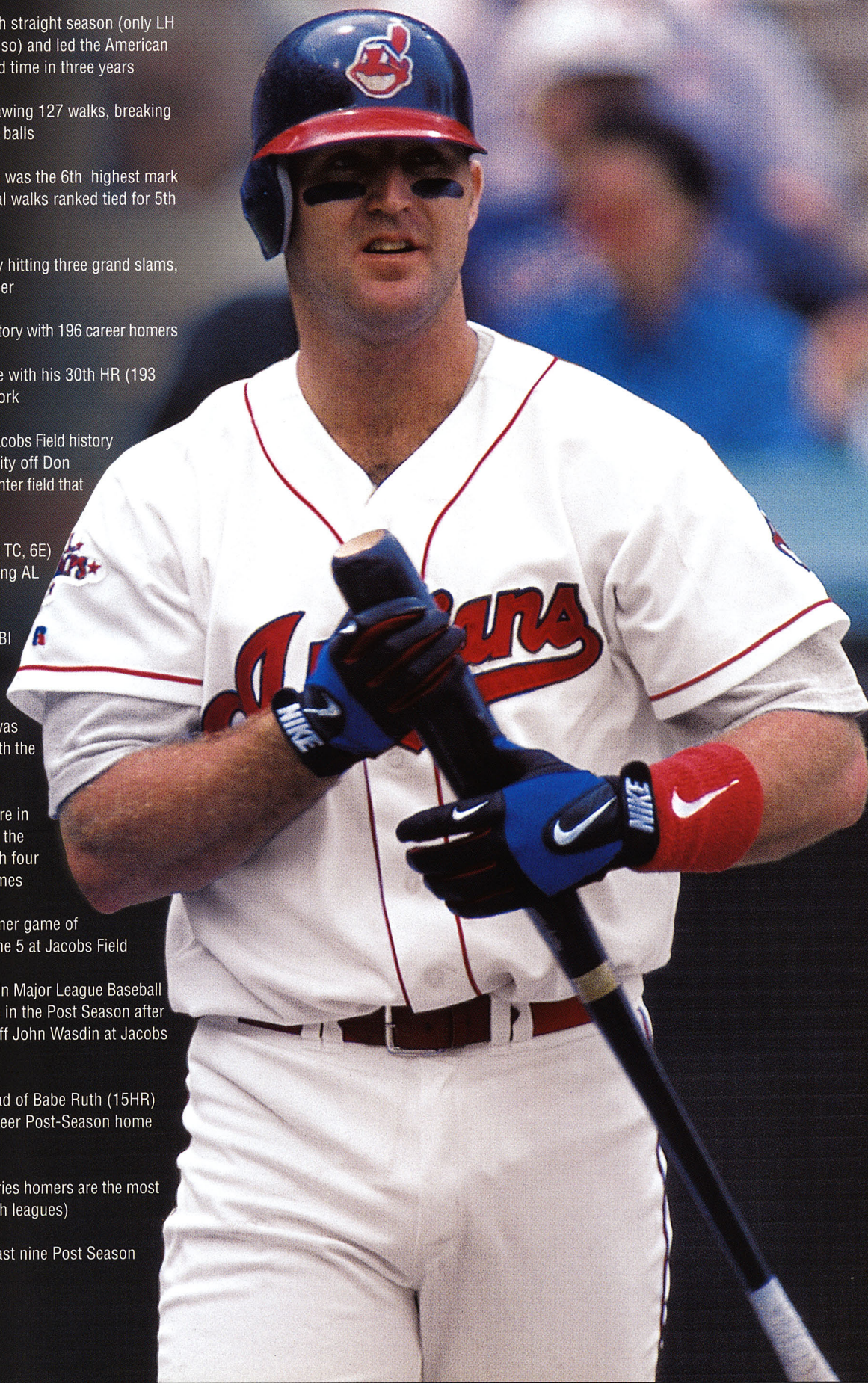
1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



JIM THOME

INFIELDER

- Hit 30+ homers for the fourth straight season (only LH batter in Indians history to do so) and led the American League in walks for the second time in three years
- Set a new club record by drawing 127 walks, breaking his 1996 mark of 123 base on balls
- His .426 on-base percentage was the 6th highest mark in the AL and his 13 intentional walks ranked tied for 5th in the AL
- Tied for the AL-high in '99 by hitting three grand slams, giving him five (5) for his career
- Is now in 7th place in club history with 196 career homers
- Passed Al Rosen in 7th place with his 30th HR (193 career) on Sept. 16 vs. New York
- Hit the longest home run at Jacobs Field history on July 3 (night) vs. Kansas City off Don Wengert, a 511-foot shot to center field that landed above the Picnic Plaza
- His fielding percentage (1019 TC, 6E) was the fourth best mark among AL first basemen
- Hit .298 with 25 HR and 79 RBI over the last 95 games of the season from 6/12 on
- He hit .331 with RISP and was 6 for 16 with 3HR & 16 RBI with the bases loaded
- Added to his Post Season lore in 1999, going 6 for 17 (.353) in the Division Series vs. Boston with four homers and 10 RBI in five games
- Enjoyed the second two-homer game of his post-season career in Game 5 at Jacobs Field
- Also became the first player in Major League Baseball history to hit two grand slams in the Post Season after his game 2, 4th inning blast off John Wasdin at Jacobs Field
- He is now third all-time ahead of Babe Ruth (15HR) with a franchise record 16 career Post-Season home runs
- His seven career Division Series homers are the most in Division Series history (both leagues)
- Has eight homers over his last nine Post Season games

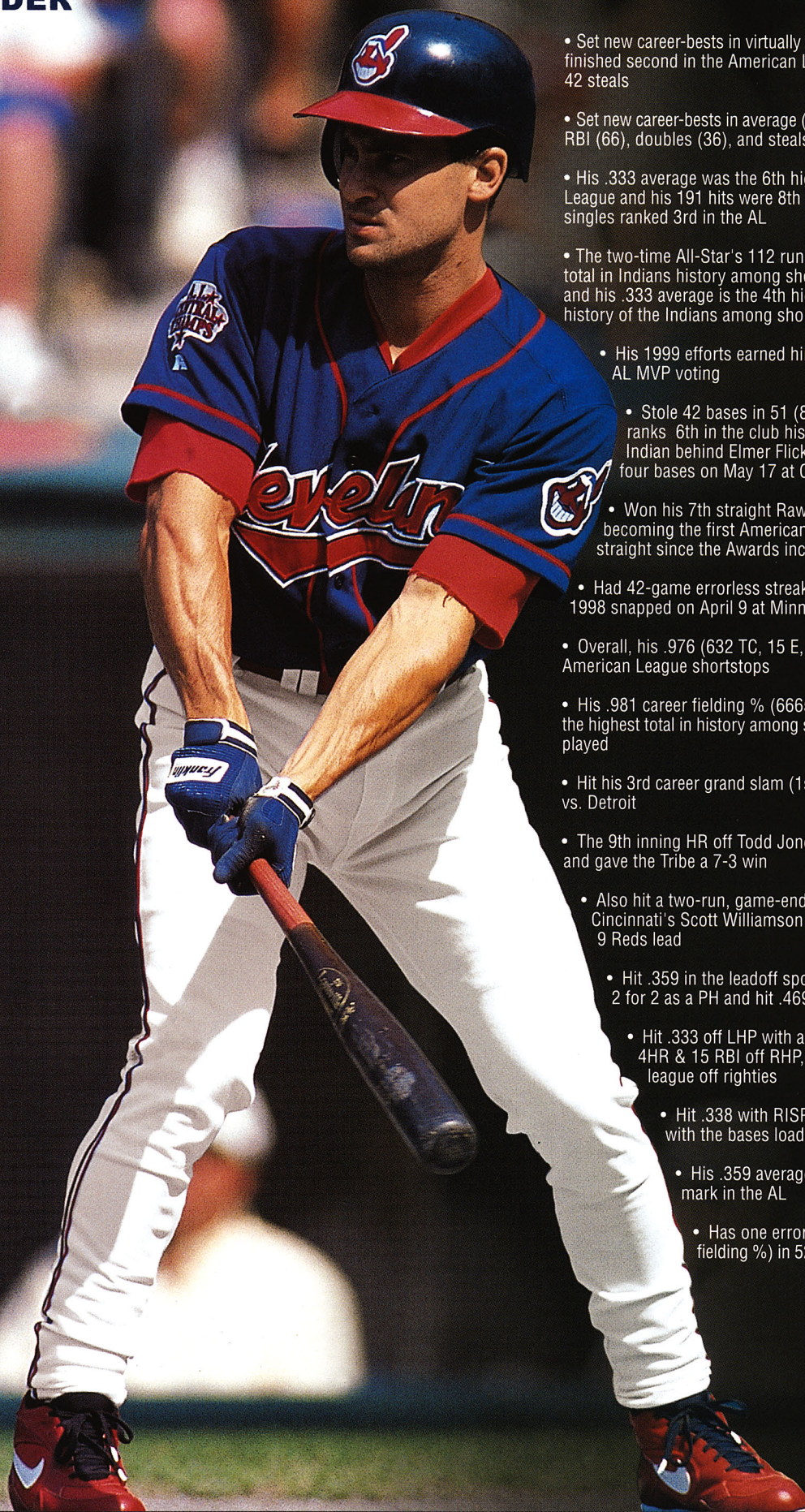


OMAR VIZQUEL

INFIELDER

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1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



- Set new career-bests in virtually every offensive category and finished second in the American League in stolen bases with 42 steals
- Set new career-bests in average (.333), runs (112), hits (191), RBI (66), doubles (36), and steals (42)
- His .333 average was the 6th highest total in the American League and his 191 hits were 8th among AL hitters as his 146 singles ranked 3rd in the AL
- The two-time All-Star's 112 runs scored is the 2nd highest total in Indians history among shortstops for a single-season and his .333 average is the 4th highest total in the 99-year history of the Indians among shortstops
- His 1999 efforts earned him an 8th place vote in the AL MVP voting
- Stole 42 bases in 51 (82.4%) attempts and now ranks 6th in the club history with 199 steals as an Indian behind Elmer Flick (207). Stole a career-high four bases on May 17 at Chicago (AL)
- Won his 7th straight Rawlings Gold Glove Award, becoming the first American Leaguer ever to win seven straight since the Awards inception in 1957
- Had 42-game errorless streak dating back to August of 1998 snapped on April 9 at Minnesota
- Overall, his .976 (632 TC, 15 E, 143 G) ranked 6th among American League shortstops
- His .981 career fielding % (6665 TC, 125 E, 1455 G) is still the highest total in history among shortstops with 1000 games played
- Hit his 3rd career grand slam (1st since 6/18/96) on May 23 vs. Detroit
- The 9th inning HR off Todd Jones erased a 4-3 Tiger lead and gave the Tribe a 7-3 win
- Also hit a two-run, game-ending, 9th inning homer off Cincinnati's Scott Williamson on July 10 that erased 10-9 Reds lead
- Hit .359 in the leadoff spot with 1 HR & 8 RBI, was 2 for 2 as a PH and hit .469 (23-49) on the first pitch
- Hit .333 off LHP with a HR & 15 RBI and .333 with 4HR & 15 RBI off RHP, the 8th best mark in the league off righties
- Hit .338 with RISP and was 4 for 12 (.333) with the bases loaded
- His .359 average at home was the 4th best mark in the AL
- Has one error in 254 total chances (.996 fielding %) in 52 career Post Season games

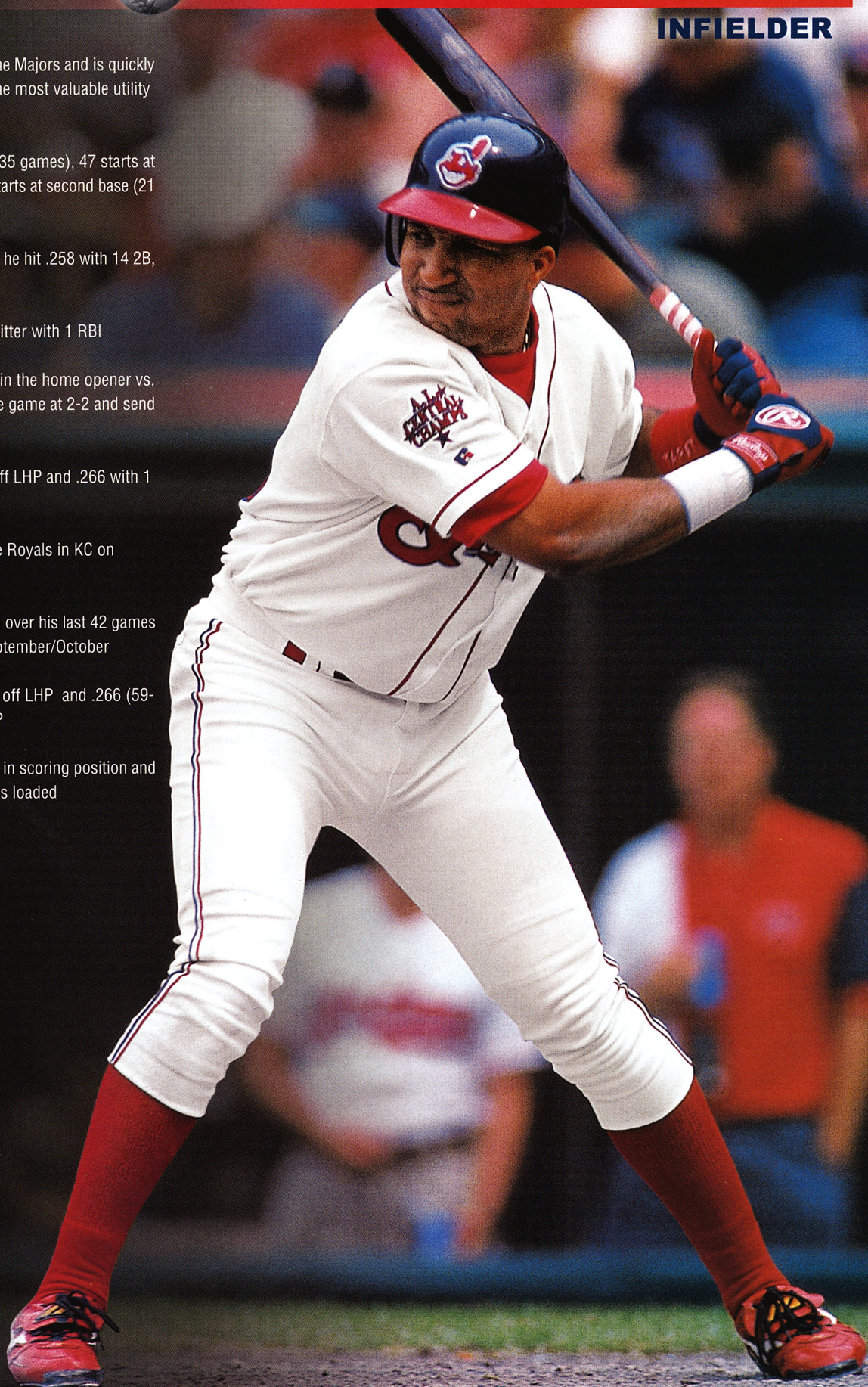
1999 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



ENRIQUE WILSON

INFIELDER

- Spent his first full season in the Majors and is quickly establishing himself as one of the most valuable utility infielders in the league
- Made 21 starts at shortstop (35 games), 47 starts at third base (61 games) and five starts at second base (21 games)
- Over his 73 starts on the year he hit .258 with 14 2B, 2 HR and 19 RBI
- Was 5-16 (.313) as a pinch-hitter with 1 RBI
- Hit first homer of the season in the home opener vs. Kansas City on April 12 to tie the game at 2-2 and send it into extra innings
- He hit .255 with one homer off LHP and .266 with 1 HR & 19 RBI off RHP
- Hit his 2nd homer against the Royals in KC on Sept. 29
- Hit a combined .223 (25-112) over his last 42 games of the season in August and September/October
- Hit .255 (28-110) w/1 homer off LHP and .266 (59-222) w/1HR and 19 RBI off RHP
- Hit .226 (19-84) with runners in scoring position and was 1 for 8 (.125) with the bases loaded



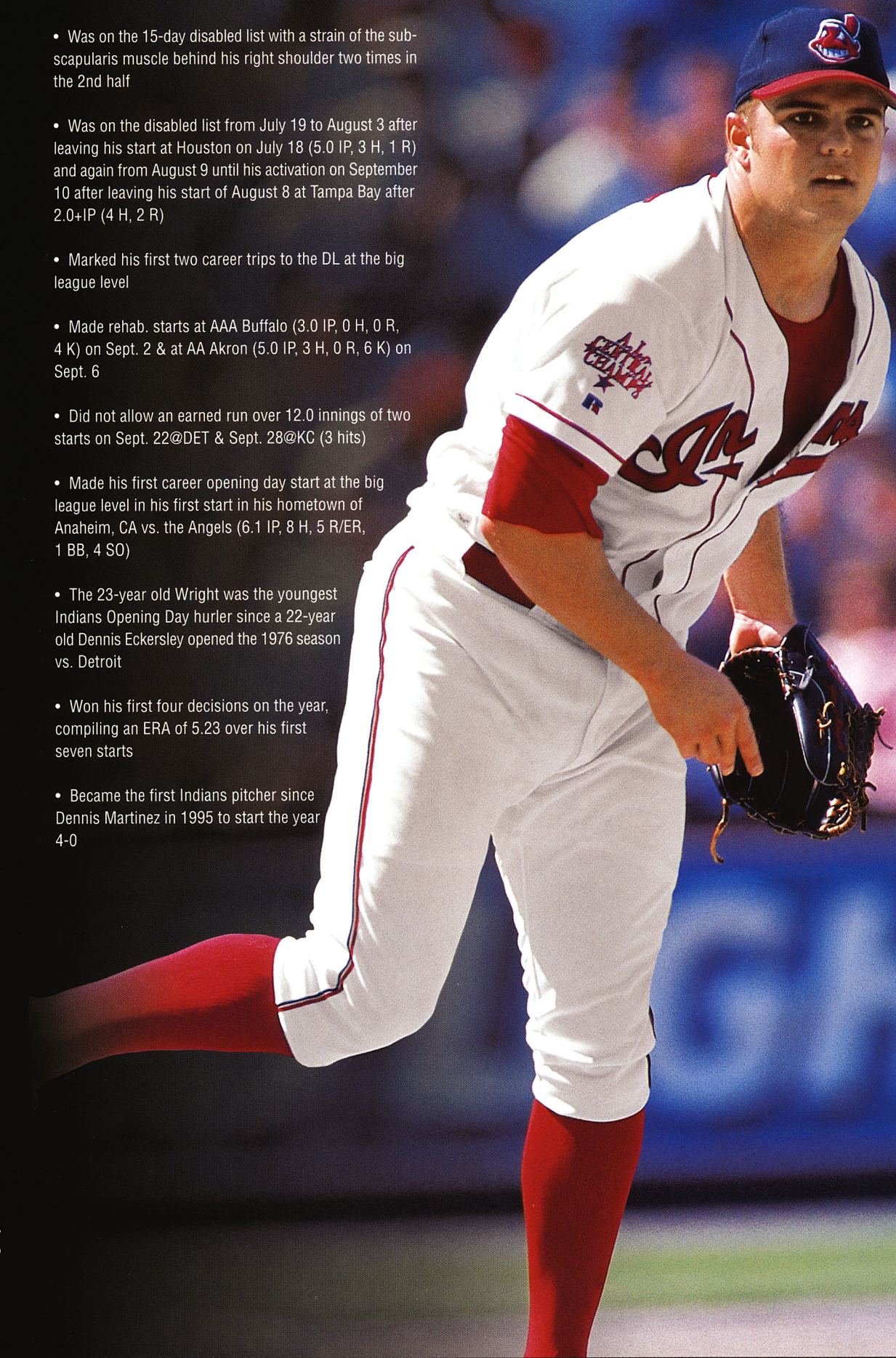
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JARET WRIGHT

PITCHER

- Was on the 15-day disabled list with a strain of the subscapularis muscle behind his right shoulder two times in the 2nd half
- Was on the disabled list from July 19 to August 3 after leaving his start at Houston on July 18 (5.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R) and again from August 9 until his activation on September 10 after leaving his start of August 8 at Tampa Bay after 2.0+IP (4 H, 2 R)
- Marked his first two career trips to the DL at the big league level
- Made rehab. starts at AAA Buffalo (3.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 4 K) on Sept. 2 & at AA Akron (5.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 6 K) on Sept. 6
- Did not allow an earned run over 12.0 innings of two starts on Sept. 22@DET & Sept. 28@KC (3 hits)
- Made his first career opening day start at the big league level in his first start in his hometown of Anaheim, CA vs. the Angels (6.1 IP, 8 H, 5 R/ER, 1 BB, 4 SO)
- The 23-year old Wright was the youngest Indians Opening Day hurler since a 22-year old Dennis Eckersley opened the 1976 season vs. Detroit
- Won his first four decisions on the year, compiling an ERA of 5.23 over his first seven starts
- Became the first Indians pitcher since Dennis Martinez in 1995 to start the year 4-0





50 JIM BROWER

Spent most of the season at AAA Buffalo before a late season call-up to Cleveland, making his Major League debut after six full seasons in the Minor Leagues.

Spent the entire season in AAA Buffalo with the Bisons, where he led the team in wins (11), starts (27) and innings pitched (160.0).

Posted a mark of 3-1 in August with a 3.69 ERA in 6 starts (39.0 IP, 46 H, 16 ER, 12 BB, 11 SO) for the Bisons before having his contract purchased from AAA Buffalo on September 1... Made his Major League debut on Sunday, September 5 in Baltimore, picking up his first ML win in the Tribe's 15-7 win over the Orioles and Sidney Ponson.... Entered the game in relief of Doc Gooden in the 4th inning and retired 13 of the 16 batters he faced and picked up the win in Camden Yards (4.1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 4 SO).

Did not allow a run over his first 9.2 IP, covering his first four appearances.

Made his first Major League start on Sunday, September 19 vs. the New York Yankees at Jacobs Field... Did not get a decision in the 11-7, Yankees win.

In seven relief appearances he was 2-1 with a 1.65 ERA.



6 JOLBERT CABRERA

Split the season between Cleveland and AAA Buffalo after opening the season on the Major League roster... Collected his first ML hit on May 5 vs. Seattle, a single off Jeff Fassero, after starting out his big league career 0 for 8... Overall on the year he enjoyed four stints in Cleveland and three in Buffalo.

Appeared in 18 games for the Indians (was 3 for 20, .150) before being optioned to AAA Buffalo on June 9 when Jacob Cruz was recalled from AAA Buffalo... Was also with the Indians from August 7-16, August 24-27 and September 10 through the end of the season.

Overall on the year he made 6 starts in centerfield for the Tribe, going 5 for 23 (.217) with a 2B and 3 RS... He appeared in 12 games in center, four games in left field and six games at second base.

The versatile utility man appeared in six games at second base for Buffalo, three games at third base, 23 games at shortstop, 34 games in center field, three in left and three in right.

Played winter ball with Zulia in Venezuelan Winter League after the season, hitting .xxx (xx-xx) with x 2B, x 3B, xx RBI, and xx SB in xx games.



48 CHRIS HANEY

Was signed by the Indians on April 6 to provide insurance at the AAA level and finished the year pitching productively at the Major League level.

Was assigned to AAA Buffalo after signing a Minor League contract on April 6 and made four starts before being placed on the disabled list with tendinitis in his left middle finger from May 2 to June 11... After returning from the DL, he made five more starts for Buffalo before having his contract purchased by the Indians on July 22.

Overall at Buffalo in 1999 he went 2-5 w/a 3.22 ERA in 13 games... In his 10 starts, he was 2-3 with a 2.67 ERA.

Was with the Tribe from July 22-August 8 and from August 18 to the end of the season... In his first stint with the Indians, he was 0-0 with a 3.18 ERA in 4 G... He was designated for assignment on August 9 and was outrighted to Buffalo on August 12.

Was promoted for the second time to Cleveland on August 18.

Made his first start of the year for the Tribe on Sunday, August 22 at Seattle (6.0 IP, 5 H, 2R).

Allowed Wade Boggs' 3,000th career hit on a 6th inning HR on August 7, 1999... Boggs became the first player of 22 players to reach 3,000 hits to do it with a HR... As a reliever he was 0-0 with a 2.84 ERA in nine outings.



36 TOM MARTIN

Spent the first four months of the season on the disabled list after off-season surgery in January on his left shoulder to repair a torn labrum in his pitching shoulder.

Began a 30-day rehabilitation assignment in AA Akron on July 27... Made three starts for the Akron Aeros before being recalled from rehab and activated from the 60-day DL on August 9, making two relief appearances (6.0 IP, 9 H, 6 ER) before being optioned to AAA Buffalo on August 18.

Recalled for a second time on August 27 and was optioned back to AAA Buffalo on August 31 for the remainder of the AAA season... Spent the rest of the Minor League season in Buffalo before being recalled for the third and final time on Sept. 10 by Cleveland for the remainder of the regular season... After his final recall he appeared in four games.

Played for Magallanes after the season in Venezuela, going 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in four relief outings (6.2 IP, 4 H, 0 ER).

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JOHN McDONALD 8

Split the season between AA Akron & AAA Buffalo and got his first taste of the big leagues in the process... Started the year at AA Akron and hit .296 (67-226) in 55 games with the Aeros before being promoted to AAA Buffalo on June 7... Hit in his last eight straight at Akron and over his last 27 games he hit .368 (42-114) with 14 RBI... Hit his only homer of the year on May 5 vs. Altoona.

Appeared in 24 games with the Bisons before being recalled to Cleveland on July 4 after Travis Fryman tore a ligament in his right knee... Made his Major League debut that day (July 4 vs. KC) and notched his first big league hit, a single off Kansas City's Scott Service.

Made his first Major League start on July 9 vs. Cincinnati at shortstop, going 1 for 3... Appeared in 10 games in July for the Indians before being optioned back to Buffalo on July 23... Spent the remainder of the regular season with the Bisons after his option back to Buffalo and on the year with the Bisons he hit .316 (75-237) in 66 games.

Overall during his Minor League stops at Akron and Buffalo he hit .307 (142-463) with 24 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR and 51 RBI in 121 games... On the Minor League year he hit .301 (40-133) with runners in scoring position... He appeared in 117 games at shortstop, three games at second base and three games at third base.

Was recalled for the second time after the conclusion of Buffalo's season on September 10 and appeared in seven September games for the Tribe.



DAVID RISKE 54

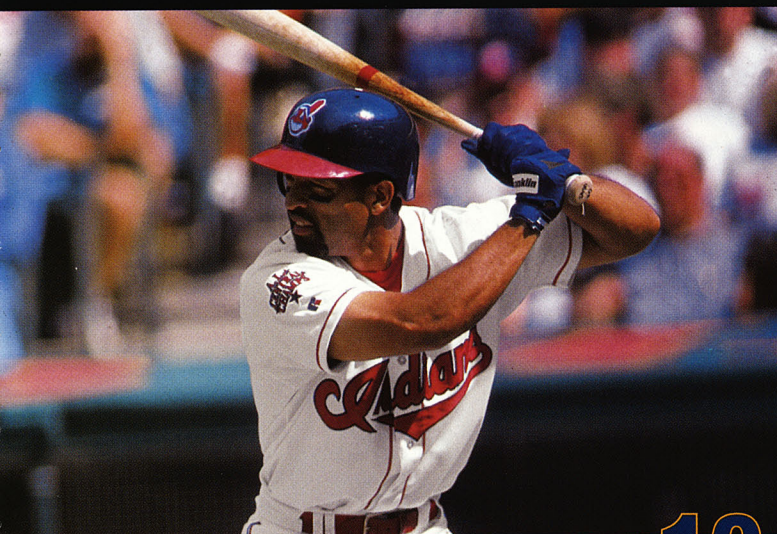
The Tribe's 1998 Minor League Pitcher of the Year posted another sensational season at the Minor League level and got his first taste of the big leagues over the final seven weeks of the season... Began the year in AA Akron, where he allowed just five hits in 23.2 IP on his way to 12 saves in 23 appearances with a 1.90 ERA... Held Eastern League hitters to a .067 (5-75) average against with 1 HR and 33 SO in 23.2 IP.

Was promoted to AAA Buffalo on June 21... With Buffalo he posted a mark of 3-0 with a 0.79 ERA and 4 saves in 19 games (22.2 IP, 14 H, 2 ER, 5 BB, 21 SO)... He did not allow an earned run over his first 12.1 innings at Buffalo.

Was promoted to the big leagues on August 9 when his contract was purchased from AAA Buffalo... Made his Major League debut on August 14 vs. Baltimore and pitched a scoreless 9th inning vs. the O's and fanned Albert Belle looking to end the inning... Earned his first M.L. win in his hometown of Seattle, Washington over the Mariners on August 22 in Safeco Field (1.2 IP, 0 H, 0 R).

Was placed on the 15-day disabled list on August 31 with a strained left oblique muscle retroactive to August 25 and began a rehab. at AAA Buffalo on Sept. 2, appearing in four games with the Bisons.

Went a combined 3-0 with a 1.23 ERA and 18 saves in 46 games over his one stop in Akron and two stints in AAA Buffalo with 1 HR... Minor league hitters hit .095 with runners in scoring position off him.



DAVE ROBERTS 10

Began the year in AAA Buffalo after a spring invite in Major League camp (7 G, 4-12, .333)... Spent the first four months of the season with the Bisons, hitting .271 (95-350) with 65 runs, 17 2B, 10 3B, & 38 RBI in 89 games with 39 steals in 42 attempts.

At the time of his promotion to Cleveland he was leading the International League in steals and they ended the season as the 2nd highest total in the league... Played in the Triple A All-Star Game in New Orleans on July 14.

Was a member of Team USA that won a Silver medal at the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, Canada... Batted lead-off for the USA contingent, hitting .308 (8-26) with 1 RS, 2 RBI & 4 SB in the eight games as Team USA qualified for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Contract was purchased from AAA Buffalo on August 7... Made his Major League debut on 8/7 at Tampa Bay and collected his first Major League hit in his 2nd at bat, a double off Bobby Witt... Overall he appeared in 39 games in CF and 2 games as a pinch-runner... Was 0 for 2 as a pinch-hitter with 1 RBI and stole 11 bases in 14 attempts.

He hit his first Major League homer on August 30 vs. Anaheim off Ramon Ortiz... Hit his first career grand slam, his second homer of the year, on Sept. 24 at Toronto off John Hudek.

After the season he played for Caguas in the Puerto Rican Winter League (.221 (21-95), 25 G, 8 SB).

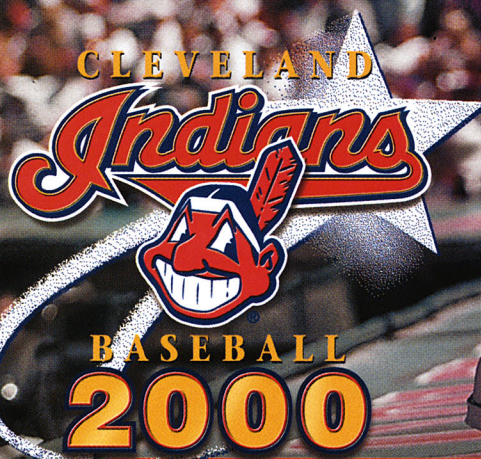


MARK WHITEN 75

Spent the 1999 season between Cleveland, AAA Buffalo and the disabled list. Was diagnosed with a broken navicular bone in his right foot after MRI of March 3 revealed a stress fracture. Was officially placed on the 15-day disabled list on March 30 and began a 20-day rehab. assignment in AAA Buffalo on June 2.

Was activated from the 60-day disabled list on June 23. Appeared in 8 games for the Tribe, making five starts in left field and two starts in centerfield before being optioned to AAA Buffalo on July 6.

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SLIDER

Age: 9 **Born:** July 29, 1990 **Bats:** 10th **Throws:** Popcorn and Peanuts
Height: Taller than Richie! **Weight:** ...But only for a minute

CAREER STATISTICS				
	Hot dogs slung	Hot dogs misfired	Longest distance	Ligaments torn
1999	511	11	445	0
Career	4,088	55	458	5

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